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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012, ON PAGE 221.]**

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, ASK EVERYONE TO COME TO ORDER, ASK THE AUDIENCE PLEASE RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY KYLE SHIMAZAKI, SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF OUTREACH MINISTRIES, THE EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY ROY DOWNEY, COMMANDER POST 507 OF THE NEWHALL-SAUGUS AMERICAN LEGION. PASTOR SHIMAZAKI.

PASTOR SHIMAZAKI: GOOD MORNING. WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYER? LORD, YOU ARE A GREAT GOD. WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH. LORD, YOU ARE SOVEREIGN OVER ALL THINGS, YOU ARE THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, YOU ARE HOLY AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVING KINDNESS THAT HAS RECONCILED US TO YOU SO THAT WE MIGHT KNOW YOU PERSONALLY. WE THANK YOU HOW YOU LOVE EVERY PERSON IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND GOD WE PRAY FOR THEM AT THIS TIME. WE LIFT UP THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING, LORD, FROM ILLNESS OR INJURY, GOD. WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING EMOTIONALLY, WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST JOBS AND ARE UNEMPLOYED, WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD COMFORT THEM AND WE PRAY



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1 THAT YOU WOULD STRENGTHEN THEM, LORD, AND GIVE THEM PEACE,
2 GOD. LORD, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD ESTABLISH YOUR KINGDOM REIGN
3 AND YOUR WILL WOULD BE DONE HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
4 LORD, WE WANT TO PRAY FOR OUR SUPERVISORS AS WELL AS OUR
5 LEADERS LORD THAT YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED TO LEAD US, GOD, WE
6 PRAY THAT YOU WOULD STRENGTHEN THEM, THAT YOU WOULD BLESS
7 THEM, THAT YOU WOULD GRANT THEM YOUR WISDOM. WE PRAY THAT THEY
8 WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAD US WITH INTEGRITY OF CHARACTER. WE PRAY
9 THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THEM DISCERNMENT, LORD, TO DO WHAT IS JUST
10 AND RIGHT BEFORE A HOLY GOD. LORD, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD BLESS
11 THEIR FAMILIES, GOD, WATCH OVER THEIR FAMILIES, GOD AND GROW
12 THEM, LORD. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME THAT WE CAN GATHER AND
13 WE INVITE YOUR PRESENCE INTO THIS PLACE AND WE PRAY FOR ALL
14 THE BUSINESS UPON THE AGENDA AND WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD BLESS
15 IT. THANK YOU, LORD, WE PRAY THESE THINGS IN YOUR NAME. AMEN.

16

17 **ROY DOWNEY:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. FOR THE PLEDGE OF
18 ALLEGIANCE, PLEASE JOIN ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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20 **ROY DOWNEY:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT A
25 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PASTOR KYLE SHIMIZAKI, DIRECTOR



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1 OF THE OUTREACH MINISTRIES AT EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE
2 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THIS THRIVING CONGREGATION IS AN EXTENSION
3 OF THE EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES WHICH WAS
4 FOUNDED IN 1925 TO SERVE THE BOYLE HEIGHTS JAPANESE COMMUNITY.
5 IN 1988, THE CHURCH RELOCATED TO ROSEMEAD AND IN 1997, IT
6 EXPANDED FURTHER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY.
7 THE PARRISH OFFERS CHILDREN'S YOUTH, ADULT, AND FAMILY
8 MINISTRIES AS WELL AS LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH. WE
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH PASTOR FOR COMING AND JOINING US BUT WE
10 ALSO THANK THEM FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY AND
11 THE LEADERSHIP TO HIS CONGREGATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR,
12 AND THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN PRAYER. [APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL RIGHT. DOWNEY IS A MEMBER OF -- I SHOULD
17 SAY RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, HE LIVES IN NEWHALL.
18 HE'S AN AMERICAN LEGION NEWHALL-SAUGUS POST NUMBER 507
19 COMMANDER, HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, GRADUATE OF
20 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN LOUISIANA AND WENT TO LOUISIANA STATE
21 UNIVERSITY. HE IS IN THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY, HE'S A
22 RETIRED SPECIAL EFFECTS COORDINATOR AND HE'S WITH HIS WIFE,
23 KRISTINE, OF 22 YEARS AND WE JUST APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP
24 AND SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF
25 ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, BOARD SECRETARY, CALL THE
3 AGENDA.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
6 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE THREE, PUBLIC
7 HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, SUPERVISOR
8 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 27TH,
9 2012.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE PUBLIC
14 HEARING, WE WILL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. ON PAGE EIGHT,
15 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 10 THROUGH
16 16. ON ITEM NUMBER 10, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM NUMBER 11,
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
19 ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 31ST, 2012. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
21 BE HELD, AND ON ITEM NUMBER 16, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS
23 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT
2 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE EXCEPT FOR THE TWO ITEMS WHERE THE--
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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 10.
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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ONE ITEM 10, WHERE ANTONOVICH AND
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAIN. SO ORDERED.
8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 10, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 17
10 THROUGH 21, ON ITEM NUMBER 17, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS
11 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, SUPERVISOR
12 KNABE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
13 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 20, COUNTY COUNSEL
14 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOUR WEEKS.
15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY, WHICH ITEM IS THAT?
17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NUMBER 20 OH, EXCUSE ME, THAT THE
19 SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY BUT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN BE
20 CONTINUED FOUR WEEKS. THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 20, AND ON ITEM
21 NUMBER 21, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
22 HOLD THIS ITEM, AND SO THE ITEM THAT IS BEFORE YOU RIGHT NOW
23 IS ITEM NUMBER 18 AND 20.
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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY AND 20, RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES,
2 KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 13 MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE
5 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
6 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ON ITEM
7 NUMBER 22-A, SUPERVISOR KNABE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND ON
9 PAGE 16, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM NUMBER CS-1, AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS
11 THAT THIS CLOSED SESSION BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY
12 31ST, 2012.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CS-1.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ITEM NUMBER CS-2, AS INDICATED ON THE
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL ALSO REQUESTS THAT THIS
22 CLOSED SESSION BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 31ST, 2012.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL
3 DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** AT THIS TIME, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME
8 CHRISTINE FIGUEROA FROM OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY
9 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER BACK WITH THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN 1967 AND
11 TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AFFAIRS AS A LOAN
12 OFFICER IN 1970. VERY SOON SHE BECAME AN ASSISTANT PROJECT
13 MANAGER, HAD AN INCREDIBLE IMMEDIATE POSITIVE IMPACT BY
14 COORDINATING RELOCATION OF PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS TO NEW
15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. OVER THE YEARS, SHE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE
16 FOR SEVERAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SUCH AS THE MIRABELLA
17 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN EAST L.A., THE LANCASTER
18 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHERE SHE OVERSAW ALL ASPECTS OF THE
19 DEVELOPMENT OF THE LANCASTER HOMES AND ANTELOPE VALLEY SENIOR
20 CENTER. IN 1982-- YOU LOOK AWFUL YOUNG. [LAUGHTER]

21
22 **CHRISTINE FIGUEROA:** THANK YOU!

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THESE NUMBERS... MY STAFF, NO WAY, NO WAY. YOU
2 STARTED WORKING WHEN YOU WERE LIKE THREE YEARS OLD, I THINK. [
3 LAUGHTER]

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** IN 1982, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NEW C.D.C.,
6 CHRISTINE WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH EAST COMPTON BUSINESS
7 REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH
8 THE EAST COMPTON REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, AND WHICH WAS IN
9 THE FOURTH DISTRICT AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME. 1988, CHRISTINE
10 BECAME THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY
11 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, A POSITION SHE HELD UNTIL HER
12 RETIREMENT WHERE SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER CONSCIENTIOUS APPROACH
13 TO HER WORK AS WELL AS MANY, MANY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS
14 SHE'S MADE OVER HER TIME HERE WITH THE COUNTY, SO ON BEHALF OF
15 MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, AND THIS NUMBER IS CORRECT, IT'S
16 MY PLEASURE TO JUST SAY THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE ON
17 BEHALF OF ALL CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN RECOGNITION OF
18 YOUR 44 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THIS GREAT COUNTY, SO
19 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **CHRISTINE FIGUEROA:** ALL I KNOW IS I LOVE WORKING FOR THE
22 COUNTY, I ENJOYED MY WORK, AND I'M COMING AWAY WITH A LOT OF
23 EXPERIENCE TO APPLY IN MY COMMUNITY IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. THANK
24 YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SEAN ROGAN:** THAT WAS QUITE A PROCLAMATION, SUPERVISOR, AND I
2 DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE I CAN ADD OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT FOR
3 30 YEARS SHE'S BEEN WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
4 IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CAPACITIES AS WELL AS THE TIME SHE
5 SPENT BEGINNING IN 1967 WITH THE COUNTY THAT CULMINATED IN THE
6 44 YEARS, AND SHE TRULY IS A MODEL EMPLOYEE FOR THE COUNTY AND
7 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND THERE'S NOT
8 WORDS ALONE THAT I CAN SAY THAT REALLY WILL EXPRESS THE EFFORT
9 AND THE WORK THAT SHE DID FOR US. SHE CERTAINLY IS GOING TO BE
10 MISSED AND I WANT TO WISH HER VERY WELL IN HER FUTURE
11 ENDEAVORS, SO THANK YOU AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN, CHRISTINE. WE TRULY
14 APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS AND
15 WISH YOU GODSPEED AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, GOOD HEALTH IN
16 RETIREMENT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CONGRATULATIONS. SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELCOME BACK ONCE AGAIN, THE SAUGUS HIGH
22 SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM BECAUSE THEY ARE CHAMPIONS ONCE
23 AGAIN. THIS IS THEIR SIXTH STRAIGHT CALIFORNIA STATE
24 CHAMPIONSHIP FOR DIVISION TWO C.I.F. THE LONGEST WINNING
25 STREAK IN STATE HISTORY, INCLUDING BOYS AND GIRLS, OR BY



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1 DIVISION. THE SAUGUS GIRLS TEAM RAN A STATE RECORD OF 90
2 MINUTES, SIX SECONDS ON NOVEMBER 29TH IN CROSS COUNTRY
3 CHAMPIONSHIPS. THEY WERE THE FASTEST TEAM AT THE STATE MEET IN
4 ALL OF THE DIVISIONS COMBINED. SHOW YOU HOW CLOSE THEY WERE IN
5 ABILITY, THE SEVEN GIRLS ALL FINISHED IN THE TOP TWENTY-SEVEN,
6 ONE MINUTE AND THREE SECONDS WITHIN EACH OTHER. SOPHOMORE
7 CALVIN MAHONEY WON THE DIVISION 2 STATE TITLE IN A TIME OF 17
8 MINUTES 34 SECONDS. AMONG THEIR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THE
9 GIRLS TEAM, THEY FINISHED 12TH PLACE AT THE NATIONALS, THEY
10 RANKED AS HIGH AS 5TH IN THE UNITED STATES AND ON SEPTEMBER
11 3RD, THEY BROKE THEIR OWN SCHOOL COURSE RECORD AT THE SEASIDE
12 INVITATIONAL. THEY DOMINATED THE FOOTHILL LEAGUE SEASON ON
13 OCTOBER 13TH, THEIR RUNNERS FINISHED FIRST THROUGH 6TH. 12
14 DAYS LATER, THEY BEAT THEIR OWN COURSE RECORD AT THE 51ST
15 ANNUAL REBOCK MOUNT SAC CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL AT MOUNT
16 SAC COLLEGE. TODAY THE TEAM IS JOINED BY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL,
17 JEFF HULLMAN, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND MARCUS GARNETT, THE
18 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AS WELL. YOU CAN ALL SAY SOMETHING.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** IT'S ALWAYS A VERY HUMBLING EXPERIENCE TO COME HERE
21 AND WE ARE EXTREMELY HONORED TO BE HERE FOR OUR SIXTH IN A
22 ROW. THESE YOUNG LADIES REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOLS, SAUGUS HIGH
23 SCHOOL IN THE SAN CLARITA VALLEY ADMIRABLY ON THE FIELD OF
24 COMPETITION BUT ALSO IN THE CLASSROOM AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF
25 THAT. MANY OF OUR ATHLETES HAVE GONE ON TO FOUR-YEAR



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1 INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS COLUMBIA, ARIZONA, U.C.L.A., CAL POLY,
2 AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION IN YEARS TO COME AND
3 JUST VERY, VERY THANKFUL THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS
4 GIVEN US THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND SEE GOVERNMENT IN ACTION
5 AND LET US OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE WHAT'S OUT THERE OFF THE FIELD
6 OF ATHLETICS AS WELL, SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND
7 ON BEHALF OF US, WE'RE ALL VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE. [APPLAUSE
8]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE CHIHUAHUA MIX, LITTLE
11 JEFFREY, HE'S ONE YEAR OLD, WITH A LITTLE GREEN BOW. LITTLE
12 JEFFREY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYONE LOOKING TO ADOPT JEFFREY
13 CAN CALL (562) 728-4644 AND NICE LITTLE ATTENTIVE LITTLE BOY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NO MORE PRESENTATIONS? THEN
16 LET'S PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, STARTING WITH
17 ITEM NUMBER 1. OKAY. BOARD SECRETARY WILL SWEAR IN ALL THOSE
18 WHO ARE GOING TO TESTIFY.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
21 BOARD TODAY ON ITEMS 1-9 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT
22 HAND TO BE SWORN IN. ALSO THOSE OF YOU IN LANCASTER, IF YOU
23 COULD STAND AND BE SWORN IN. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 1, AND THIS IS
2 THE DE NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R2011-00177-5,
3 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 201100018-5 AND CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
4 TO REPLACE THREE EXISTING 85-FOOT TALL TEMPORARY
5 METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS LOCATED WITHIN THE VICINITY OF 170TH
6 STREET WEST AND LANCASTER ROAD WITHIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WEST
7 ZONE DISTRICT APPLIED FOR BY ELEMENT POWER L.L.C. THE APPEAL
8 FROM REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. THERE IS A
9 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

10

11 **SUSAN TAE:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS SUSAN TAE WITH THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ON AUGUST 10, 2011, THE
13 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
14 FOR A TOTAL OF 5 NEW TEMPORARY METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS
15 APPROXIMATELY 198 FEET OR 60 METERS TALL. THE COMMISSION'S
16 DECISION WAS THEN APPEALED TO YOUR BOARD. A CONDITIONAL USE
17 PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS OVER 85 FEET IN
18 THE HEAVY AGRICULTURAL ZONE. ANY POTENTIAL WIND PROJECT IS
19 REQUIRED TO FILE A SEPARATE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND HAVE
20 ITS OWN PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF
21 STATEMENT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANYBODY WHO
24 WISHES TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE DO. THERE'S A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS,
2 ACTUALLY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL MANAGE
5 THE PUBLIC COMMENT, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS SINCE IT'S IN
6 HIS DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. LET ME FIRST ASK SOME QUESTIONS TO THE
9 STAFF. THE COMMUNITY HAS RAISED A NUMBER OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE
10 IMPACTS TO THE BIRDS FROM THE PROPOSED MET TOWERS AND SAY THAT
11 A NUMBER OF BIRD SPECIES ARE PRESENT ON THE PROJECT SITE AND
12 ARE THESE BIRD SPECIES IDENTIFIED IN THE AREA, ARE ANY OF
13 THOSE PROTECTED?

14

15 **SUSAN TAE:** YES, CERTAIN SPECIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED INCLUDING
16 EAGLE, BURROWING OWL, PEREGRINE FALCON, AND RAPTORS ON THE
17 PROPERTY SITE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN THIS TYPE OF TOWER, DO THEY POSE A THREAT
20 TO THOSE BIRDS?

21

22 **SUSAN TAE:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THIS THREAT INCREASED BECAUSE OF THE
25 HEIGHT OF THE TOWERS?



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2 **SUSAN TAE:** YES.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY
5 MEMBERS. I'VE MET WITH MEMBERS AND HAVE RECEIVED
6 CORRESPONDENCE AS WELL THAT THE TOWERS AS PROPOSED CAN BE
7 HAZARDOUS TO LOW-FLYING OR RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT, AND WHAT
8 HEIGHT WOULD THE TOWERS HAVE TO BE FOR THE F.A.A. TO REQUIRE
9 THEM TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF BEACON OR VISIBLE MARKING?

10

11 **SUSAN TAE:** 200 FEET.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TWO HUNDRED FEET, HOW CLOSE IS THE NEAREST
14 AIRFIELD TO THE PROJECT SITE?

15

16 **SUSAN TAE:** APPROXIMATELY SIX MILES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN THAT
19 THESE TOWERS AT THE PROPOSED HEIGHT WOULD CREATE A VISUAL
20 IMPACT AND CHANGE THE RURAL NATURE OF THE AREA. HOW FAR IS
21 THIS PROJECT FROM THE POPPY RESERVE AND IS THERE A POTENTIAL
22 THAT THE TOWERS CAN BE SOON FROM THOSE POPPY RESERVES?

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1 **SUSAN TAE:** THE NEAREST TOWER IS APPROXIMATELY HALF-MILE FROM
2 THE POPPY RESERVE AND THERE IS A POTENTIAL TO BE SEEN FROM THE
3 POPPY RESERVE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN A NONURBAN AREA
6 NEAR RURAL COMMUNITIES. PART OF THE VALLEY HAS LARGE
7 UNDEVELOPED AREAS IN THE MANY PLACES UNDISTURBED NATIONAL
8 DESERT TERRAIN. IS THE PROPOSED 60-METER TOWERS CONSISTENT
9 WITH THE COMMUNITY PLAN FOR THE AREA OR WITH THE CHARACTER OF
10 THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY?

11

12 **SUSAN TAE:** BASED ON THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED AS A
13 NONRESIDENTIAL USE AND A NONURBAN AREA, THESE TOWERS AT THIS
14 HEIGHT COULD ALTER THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY CHARACTER.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ARE THEY WITHIN THE CHARACTER OF THE
17 SURROUNDING AREA OR CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMUNITY PLAN?

18

19 **SUSAN TAE:** THEY WOULD POTENTIALLY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE
20 COMMUNITY PLAN AND THE CHARACTER.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INCONSISTENT. OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
23 SPEAKERS, WE HAVE 35 SPEAKERS WHO ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES
24 EACH. LET ME FIRST BEGIN WITH JUDITH STERLING, JOHN GOIT, ALAN
25 CARLEY, AND DOUGLAS BONANNO.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THOSE INDIVIDUALS
3 ARE IN LANCASTER SO WE NEED TO SWITCH OVER TO LANCASTER.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO WE--

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE WAITING, THERE WE GO.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ARE LIVE THERE, GOOD MORNING.

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11 **JUDITH STERLING:** GOOD MORNING. I'M JUDITH STERLING, I LIVE IN
12 THE FAIRMONT REGION AND I AM OPPOSED TO ALL OF THE WIND
13 TURBINE PROJECTS. MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN LONGSTANDING
14 OPPONENTS TO THE WIND TURBINE PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR OUR AREA.
15 THE FAIRMONT TOWN COUNCIL HAS NOT LISTENED TO THE VOICE OF THE
16 PEOPLE OF THIS AREA AND HAVE TAKEN A STANCE OF NONOPPOSITION
17 WHEN, IN FACT, THE PEOPLE OF FAIRMONT HAVE EXPRESSED
18 OPPOSITION QUITE VOCALLY AND IN WRITING TO THE WIND TURBINE
19 PROJECTS. THESE WIND TURBINES WILL CHANGE COMPLETELY THE WAY
20 OF LIFE FOR NOT ONLY THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA BUT ALSO THE
21 WILDLIFE HABITAT. SOON THE AREA WHICH IS DESIGNATED FOR THE
22 WIND TURBINES WILL BE COVERED WITH RED POPPIES WHICH DRAWS
23 VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. IF THESE TURBINES ARE
24 ALLOWED TO BE PUT IN, THE GRADING OF THE LAND FOR
25 INSTALLATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ROADS WILL UPROOT AND DESTROY



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1 THE AREA AND THE BEAUTY OF THE LAND WILL NO LONGER BE AN ASSET
2 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. OTHER NEGATIVE IMPACTS HAVE BEEN
3 IDENTIFIED SUCH AS NOISE POLLUTION AND DISTURBANCE AND
4 INTERRUPTION OF WILDLIFE. THIS INCLUDES BIRDS AS WELL AS
5 GROUND LIVING ANIMALS. THE NIGHT SKY WILL NO LONGER BE DARK
6 AND RESTFUL. CONTAMINATION OF THE GROUND BY DRIPPING OIL FROM
7 THESE TURBINES IS AN ISSUE. IF A WILDFIRE SHOULD OCCUR, IT
8 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE FOUGHT WITH AIRCRAFT. THIS IS A REAL
9 FEAR. PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THE TURBINE PROJECTS WHICH ARE
10 SCHEDULED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TODAY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALLEN? OR JOHN DOUGLAS?

13

14 **JOHN GOIT:** GOOD MORNING.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT YOU CAN DO, LINE UP SO THAT AFTER THE
17 SPEAKER COMPLETES THEIR TESTIMONY, THEN THE NEXT PERSON CAN
18 COME FORWARD AND BEGIN THEIR TESTIMONY. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME
19 FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

20

21 **JOHN GOIT:** MY NAME IS JOHN GOIT, I LIVE IN THE ANTELOPE ACRES
22 AREA, I HAVE LIVED OUT THERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME, 40 YEARS OUT
23 HERE. THE AREA IS DESIGNATED AS A PRIME BOTANICAL AREA. IT'S
24 JUST NOT A PLACE TO PUT A WIND FARM. I WOULD INVITE ELEMENT
25 POWER TO MOVE UP TO KERN COUNTY WHERE THEY HAVE TOTALLY



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1 DESTROYED THE VISUAL VIEW OF THE MOUNTAINS UP THERE WITH
2 THOUSANDS OF WIND GENERATORS. I REALLY FEEL THEY SHOULD ALL BE
3 KEPT IN ONE PLACE AND USING THIS AREA, WHICH THE PLANNING
4 COMMISSION TAKES GREAT STRAINS IN STUDYING ENVIRONMENTALLY
5 SENSITIVE AREAS AND RESTRICTING PEOPLE FROM THEIR PROPERTIES,
6 THEIR LAND, CALL IT AN E.S.A. AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN PLOP
7 SOMETHING LIKE THIS ONTO THE LANDOWNERS IN THAT AREA IS JUST
8 NOT RIGHT AND IT SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR. YES. JUST GIVE YOUR
11 NAME FOR THE RECORD.

12

13 **DOUG BONANNO** I'M DOUG BONANNO, I'VE LIVED IN THE KINGS CANYON
14 AREA FOR 26 YEARS NOW. I ASKED THE BOARD TODAY NOT TO BE HASTY
15 AND APPROVE THIS PROJECT BECAUSE WHAT WILL FOLLOW WILL ALTER
16 THIS LAND FOREVER AND WE CAN NEVER PUT IT BACK AND THERE'S
17 ALREADY DOUBTS ABOUT THE EFFICIENCY OF WIND ENERGY AND AFTER
18 TECHNOLOGY PROVES THESE TURBINES INEFFICIENT, WHO WILL REMOVE
19 THEM FROM THE AREA? WHO WILL REMOVE THE 40 YARDS OF CONCRETE
20 PER TURBINE THAT IT TAKES TO PUT THESE IN TIMES 88 TURBINES IN
21 THIS ONE PROJECT? THE BANKRUPT COMPANIES? NO. THE BANKRUPT
22 COMPANIES WILL BE GONE. THE TAXPAYERS? ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO
23 PAY TO REMOVE THIS CONCRETE AND STEEL AND REBAR FROM OUR
24 GROUND, OR NOBODY WILL. OKAY. THROUGH OUR PETITIONS, WE HAVE
25 FOUND-- I HAVE FOUND MORE THAN 95 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN



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1 THIS AREA OPPOSE THESE TURBINES, SO WHO IS FOR IT? WE FIND NO
2 ONE, IN OUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, WE FIND NO ONE IS FOR THIS
3 AND YET WE'RE FIGHTING AND FIGHTING. I HOPE THAT THE WILL OF
4 THE PEOPLE WILL BE DONE IN THIS AREA AND THESE PROJECTS WILL
5 BE STOPPED. IF OUR VOICES ARE NOT HEARD IN THIS, WHAT'S GOING
6 TO BE NEXT? SO IT'S ON YOUR GUYS. THANK YOU.

7

8 >>SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU, SIR, THANK YOU. ALAN OR DOUGLAS.

9

10 **ALAN CARLEY:** THIS IS ALAN CARLEY. I LIVE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE
11 WHERE THE WINDMILLS WOULD GO. WE HAD HAD ONE OF YOUR TEST
12 SITES OR TEST WINDMILLS RIGHT BEHIND OUR PROPERTY, THE CABLES
13 JUST TO THE MACHINE THAT WOULD OPERATE IT MAKES QUITE A BIT OF
14 NOISE, IT WAS REALLY HARD TO EVEN, INSIDE THE HOUSE WITH THE
15 DOORS CLOSED, YOU COULD HEAR THE NOISE FROM THE WIND BLOWING
16 THROUGH THE CABLES, THEN YOU ALSO HAD THE ISSUE WITH ANIMALS,
17 COWS AND HORSES LIKE TO RUB ON THE CABLES AND SCRATCH
18 THEMSELVES AND THEY GET STUCK ON THEM AND WE'VE HAD TO CALL
19 ANIMAL REGULATION OUT AND HAD THEM RELEASE ONE COW THAT HAD
20 BEEN TRAPPED BY IT. THE TEST UNITS THEMSELVES ARE A PROBLEM
21 BUT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF BEING THERE IS FOR THE WINDMILLS WHICH
22 THE WINDMILLS ARE GOING TO BE A DEFINITE STOP TO THE AREA. I
23 MEAN, THERE'S A NUMBER OF HOMES EVEN BEING BUILT AT THIS TIME.
24 IT'S HARD TO APPRECIATE WHAT THE VALUE IS OF PUTTING THE
25 WINDMILLS IN WHERE THERE'S ALREADY A LOT OF HOMES, UNLESS



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1 THEY'RE INTENDING TO COMPENSATE ALL THE HOMEOWNERS FOR THEIR
2 LOSSES AND ALL THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE AREA WHERE THEY'RE
3 GOING TO PUT THE WINDMILLS, AND I DON'T SEE THAT AS AN ISSUE,
4 I DON'T SEE THAT AS SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. IF THEY
5 ARE OFFERED THAT, THAT MIGHT MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN TO THE
6 HOMEOWNERS TO HAVE MORE OF AN ISSUE OF LETTING IT HAPPEN.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

9

10 **ALAN CARLEY:** AGAINST THE WINDMILLS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU SIR. IF THE CAMERA PERSON WOULD
13 KEEP THE CAMERA FOCUSED AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY LIBRARY INSTEAD
14 OF REFLECTING BACK TO THE BOARD ROOM, IT WOULD BE VERY
15 IMPORTANT TO MOVE THE HEARING ALONG. OKAY. DOUGLAS AND THEN
16 WE'LL CALL UP, AFTER DOUGLAS BONANNO, IS BARBARA BLACK,
17 MICHAEL FORTUNA, PAUL SCHMIDT, AND VERN BIEHL. AND IF THE
18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AT THE LIBRARY COULD HELP THE PEOPLE LINE UP,
19 IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. GOOD MORNING, SIR.

20

21 **JOHN KERR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOHN KERR, I REPRESENT
22 BARBARA BLACK, WHO IS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. I WANT
23 TO START OUT BY SAYING ALL THESE PEOPLE HERE HAVE CERTAIN
24 RIGHTS: LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. WE MOVE
25 TO THIS COMMUNITY, KINGS CANYON, TO GET AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE



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1 AND BUSTLE, THE NOISE POLLUTION, THE BRIGHT LIGHTS, TO SEE THE
2 STARS, TO SIT ON OUR PORCH AT NIGHT AND LOOK OUT OVER A
3 BEAUTIFUL VALLEY, BUT AS I SEE WHAT IT WILL TURN INTO, IT'S
4 APPARENT TO ME THAT IT'S GOING TO DRASTICALLY CHANGE THIS
5 WHOLE LANDSCAPE. I'M A CONTRACTOR FOR CAL FIRE AND FORESTRY
6 SERVICE. THERE'S THE PROBLEM OF WILD LAND FIRES IF ONE OF
7 THESE THINGS MALFUNCTIONS IN 80-MILE-AN-HOUR WINDS, YOU'VE GOT
8 A BIG PROBLEM. THE PLANES THAT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO--
9 HELICOPTERS, THERE'S NO NEGOTIATING IN THE WINDS AND I'M
10 AGAINST IT, BARBARA BLACK IS AGAINST IT, AND I'M JUST HERE TO
11 VOICE OUR OPINION BUT THE FIRST THING I SAID, OUR RIGHTS AS
12 THE CREATORS GAVE US THESE RIGHTS AND WE SHOULD ALL REMEMBER
13 THAT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

16

17 **JOHN KERR:** THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NEXT?

20

21 **MIKE FORTUNA:** MY NAME IS MIKE FORTUNA. I LIVE IN MOJAVE AND
22 I'M THE FOUNDER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE MOJAVE. THESE MET TOWERS
23 ARE THE PRECURSORS TO 40, 50-STORY-TALL TURBINES. WIND
24 TURBINES MAKE A NOISE. THAT IS A FACT. I CAN HEAR THEM. I LIVE
25 TWO MILES AWAY. THE SOUND VARIES FROM HIGHER TO LOWER



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1 FREQUENCIES AND COMES IN RHYTHMIC PULSES TIMED TO THE TURNING
2 OF THE BLADES, AND THESE ARE BRAND-NEW MACHINES. LAND VALUES
3 IN MOJAVE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME. LIKE IT OR NOT, MOST PEOPLE
4 WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY MOVE TO AN AREA CLOSE TO WINDMILLS. NO
5 BUYERS EQUALS NO VALUE. TO IGNORE THE COMPLAINTS OF THOUSANDS
6 AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD IN FAVOR OF
7 REPORTS PAID FOR BY AN UNREGULATED INDUSTRY THAT PUSHES
8 PREPOSTEROUS PROPAGANDA IS JUST BLATANT BUREAUCRATIC
9 BUFFOONERY. ENVIRONMENTALLY WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT SQUARE
10 MILES OF SOLAR PANELS AND HOLLOW STEEL TUBES BEING PLACED IN
11 THE DESERT. LOOK AT MOJAVE. WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO HAVING THE
12 WORLD'S LARGEST RADIATOR. NOW IMAGINE HAVING LAKES OF STEEL
13 AND GLASS AND STEEL TUBES STANDING ALL AROUND THE POPPY
14 RESERVES. THESE AREAS ARE GOING TO HEAT UP LIKE A PARKING LOT
15 DURING THE DAY, RELEASE THAT DRY HEAT DURING THE NIGHT. THE
16 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF GENERATING MICROCLIMATE IS HUGE AND
17 RISK ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL DESTRUCTION OF THE AREA'S
18 LARGEST TOURIST ATTRACTION WOULD INDICATE THAT IT IS NOT
19 JUSTIFIABLE. FOR THE PROJECT PROPONENTS TO HAVE COME FORWARD
20 WITH THIS, FOR THEM TO HAVE EVEN LOOKED AT MAPS AND CONSIDERED
21 THIS SITING SPEAKS OF THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL ABSURDITY. HOW ARE
22 YOU TO TRUST THE INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THESE KINDS OF
23 PEOPLE? EINSTEIN SAID "INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THING OVER
24 AND OVER AND EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS." THIRTY YEARS OF
25 MISTAKES IN KERN AND HERE'S THE MISTAKES IN EUROPE AND HERE WE



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1 ARE DOING THE SAME THING ALL OVER AGAIN. DO THE PROPONENTS A
2 FAVOR AND SAVE THEM THE MONEY OF THE MET TOWERS BY COMPLETELY
3 REJECTING THEM NOW. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. BARBARA BLACK. PAUL SCHMIDT.

6

7 **PAUL SCHMIDT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PAUL
8 SCHMIDT. I AM A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GREEN VALLEY.
9 I'M HERE TO VOICE MY STAUNCH OPPOSITION TO THE INSTALLATION
10 AND UPGRADE OF THE MET TOWERS AND I WOULD ASK, THERE ARE
11 PEOPLE HERE MUCH BETTER INFORMED THAN I AM. I HAD ORIGINALLY
12 WANTED TO SUPPORT THE GREEN ENERGY HERE IN THE ANTELOPE
13 VALLEY, BUT THE WAY THE PROJECT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED AND FAST-
14 TRACKED AND THE DESTRUCTION TO OUR ENVIRONMENT, BOTH
15 AESTHETICALLY AND BIOLOGICALLY IS OF SUCH A CONCERN TO ME THAT
16 I TOOK A DAY OFF WORK TO ADDRESS YOU THIS MORNING AND I WOULD
17 APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF NOT ALLOWING THOSE TO
18 CONTINUE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. BARBARA AVERN.

21

22 **VERN BIEHL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VERN BIEHL AND I HAD
23 QUITE A FEW COMMENTS READY FOR TODAY. HOWEVER, AFTER HEARING
24 THE REPORT FROM YOUR STAFF THIS MORNING, I FEEL YOU HAVE ALL
25 THE ADEQUATE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO MAKE THE CORRECT



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1 DECISION, SO I WILL SAVE A LITTLE TIME AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT
2 THE SUPERVISORS WILL DISAPPROVE THESE MET TOWERS AT THIS TIME.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. BARBARA, WE HAVE MARTY, JOHN,
5 LUISA, CINDY, AND JOHN WATERS. YOUR NAME, SIR?

6

7 **MARTY FOSTER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARTY FOSTER, I CHOSE
8 TO LIVE IN THE PORTAL RIDGE AREA OVER 25 YEARS AGO. ONE OF THE
9 FEW PLACES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHERE ALL TYPES OF WILDLIFE
10 EXIST AND WHERE THE NIGHT SKY IS DARK AND FULL OF STARS. I'M
11 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THESE PROPOSED ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS SO
12 CLOSE TO THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT WHICH WE KNOW SOME DAY, NOT IF,
13 BUT WHEN, SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN, AND THE EXTREME FIRE
14 DANGER THAT IS INHERENT IN THE AREA, SO I'LL KEEP THIS REAL
15 SHORT. I'M VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO ANY OF THESE PROJECTS IN THE
16 PORTAL RIDGE AREA. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

19

20 **LOUISA STEPHEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LUISA STEPHEN, AND I
21 AM THE PRESIDENT THE LAKES AND VALLEYS CONSERVANCY AND I'M
22 WRITING IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MET TOWERS WHICH ARE
23 PRECURSORS TO MASSIVE WIND TURBINES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.
24 THE PORTAL RIDGE AREA IS A BIODIVERSE AND IMPORTANT WILDLIFE
25 CORRIDOR WHICH SHOULD NOT BE COMPROMISED. ADJACENT LAKE HUGHES



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1 AND ELIZABETH LAKE ARE VITAL NESTING AREAS FOR CERTAIN SPECIES
2 INCLUDING SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT
3 ECOLOGICAL AREAS INVOLVED WITHIN THE PROPOSED PROJECTS AND
4 WILDLIFE WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED. THIS AREA HAS NUMEROUS
5 SPECIES INCLUDING BALD EAGLES, HAWKS, GOLDEN EAGLES AND MANY
6 OTHERS. THERE ARE VERNAL POOLS WHICH WOULD ALSO NOT HAVE BEEN
7 ADEQUATELY STUDIED WHICH WOULD BE COMPROMISED. IN ADDITION
8 THERE ARE FIRE HAZARDS DROPPING PROPERTY VALUES, NOISE
9 POLLUTION, LIGHT POLLUTION, GRADING AND OTHER CONCERNS. I URGE
10 YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER THE RICH AND BIODIVERSE AREA IN
11 QUESTION AND SUGGEST THAT ALL EFFORTS BE MADE TO PROTECT IT.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **JOHN RUGE:** YES. MY NAME IS JOHN RUGE, I HAD A SPEECH ALL
17 WRITTEN OUT HERE, BUT I THINK EVERYBODY IS PRETTY WELL COVERED
18 THE WAY I FEEL AND I'LL GIVE UP MY TIME FOR SOMEBODY AND JUST
19 HOPE THAT YOU PEOPLE DOWN THERE LISTEN TO US AND DO THE RIGHT
20 THING. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD MORNING.

23

24 **JOHN WATERS:** I'M JOHN WATERS, I'VE LIVED IN THE ANTELOPE
25 VALLEY SINCE 1979. I DON'T SEE THE SAME PROBLEM SOME OF THE



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1 OTHER PEOPLE SEE WITH THIS PROJECT. WE NEED THE JOBS IN THE
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY, WE'VE HAD A LOT OF GOOD GROWTH WITH WIND
3 TURBINES, SOLAR PLANTS. YOU NEED TO KEEP IT ACCESSIBLE AND I'D
4 LIKE TO SEE THE PROJECT GO FORWARD. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD MORNING.

7

8 **CYNDY MAY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CYNDY MAY, I REPRESENT A
9 GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM THE TWEEDY LAKE CLUB. THERE ARE CURRENTLY
10 ABOUT 55 MEMBERS, BUT THAT IS NOT THE ONLY NUMBER. THERE'S
11 FAMILY MEMBERS, COUSINS, NIECES, GRANDCHILDREN, WHATEVER, THE
12 NUMBER COULD REACH A THOUSAND THAT APPRECIATE OUR AREA, THEY
13 COME FROM THE CITY OFTEN AND THEY WANT THE PEACE AND QUIET,
14 THAT IS WHY THEY'RE THERE, SO WE HAVE PETITIONS FROM ALL OF
15 OUR PEOPLE OPPOSING THE WIND TURBINE PROJECTS AND SPECIFICALLY
16 I KNOW THAT THIS RELATES TO THE MET TOWER INSTALLATION WHICH
17 IS A PRECURSOR TO THE TURBINES. WE DON'T WANT THEM. WE ARE
18 OPPOSED. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. CASSANDRA OR BARBARA?

21

22 **SANDRA MCCRAE:** HI SANDRA MCCRAE HERE FROM KINGS CANYON. I WANT
23 TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE CITIZENS YOU REPRESENT YOUR
24 UNDIVIDED ATTENTION TODAY ON DECISIONS THAT AFFECT SO MANY
25 LIVES. YOU ARE OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND DO NOT REPRESENT OUT OF



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1 STATE DEVELOPERS BUT THE HARD-WORKING TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE
2 RESIDED HERE FOR DECADES AND OUR LANDS. THE SUBSIDIES ARE A
3 TEMPTATION FOR THE COUNTY BUT THIS ECONOMY WILL WORK ITSELF
4 OUT AND WHAT WILL BE LEFT IS THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE OF THE
5 LAST PRISTINE AREAS IN YOUR JURISDICTION. WE WANT TO SEE A
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SIGN OR ONE OF THOSE MICHAEL ANTONOVICH
7 SIGNS THAT WE SEE ALL OVER THE COUNTY ERECTED NEAR THE
8 CALIFORNIA POPPY RESERVE AND ALONG OUR VALLEY ROADS INSTEAD OF
9 THESE INDUSTRIAL MONSTERS THAT ARE MIS-SITED AND INEFFICIENT.
10 WE WANT TO GIVE KUDOS TO YOU FOR AN AREA YOU TOOK THE
11 RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE AS LEADERS THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO
12 SEE BEYOND THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. WE WANT TO SEE OUR
13 SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS HAVE A MORATORIUM PLACED WHERE
14 THE TOURISTS AND OUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THIS
15 BEAUTIFUL VALLEY FOR CENTURIES TO COME. I TRUST YOU WILL BE
16 RESPONSIBLE AND BRAVE AS YOU MAKE THESE DECISIONS AS JOHN MUIR
17 AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WHEN PRESERVING OUR NATIONAL PARKS.
18 THANK YOU TODAY.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. BARBARA IS COMING UP. FROM HERE
21 LET ME CALL UP GENE MELCHERS, STAN ANDERSON, DAVID GOMEZ AND
22 DAVID WHITESIDE. OKAY. BARBARA BLACK BACK IN THE ANTELOPE
23 VALLEY.

24
25 **SPEAKER:** THOSE ARE ALL THE SPEAKERS FOR ITEM 1.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT IS ALL? OKAY. THANK YOU. THEN HERE WE
3 HAVE GENE MECHLER, STAN ANDERSON, DAVID GOMEZ, DAVID
4 WHITESIDE, STAN LEE ANDERSON, PAUL HUETTEN. OPEN THE DOOR FOR
5 THE GENTLEMEN. JERRY NEUMAN, CURT BEDWELL, SEAN PONSO, ROGER
6 VAN WERT. WE HAVE FOUR. OKAY. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE
7 RECORD BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

8

9 **DAVE GOMEZ:** MY NAME IS DAVE GOMEZ, I LIVE IN PALMDALE,
10 CALIFORNIA, ANTELOPE VALLEY. I ALSO REPRESENT THE NATIONAL
11 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL
12 BROTHERHOOD OF WORKERS LOCAL 11 WHICH REPRESENTS OVER 8,500
13 WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. I OPPOSE THE APPEAL AND AM IN FAVOR OF
14 THE PROJECT AND ALSO THE TOWERS. WE HAVE AS HIGH AS 17 PERCENT
15 UNEMPLOYMENT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. THESE ARE GREEN JOBS. I AM
16 ASKING YOU TO MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD AND THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

19

20 **ROGER VAN WERT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. MY NAME
21 IS ROGER VAN WERT AND I REPRESENT ELEMENT POWER, THE APPLICANT
22 IN THIS CASE. WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED TODAY IS FIVE TALL THIN
23 METAL TOWERS REPLACING THREE EXISTING TALL METAL TOWERS TO
24 WHICH ARE ATTACHED WIND AND BIRD SENSORS. THESE FIVE TOWERS
25 ARE SPREAD OUT OVER 3,000 ACRES. THEY HAVE NO LIGHTS, THEY



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1 MAKE NO NOISE, AND THEIR VISUAL IMPACT IS EXTREMELY LIMITED IN
2 THE LANDSCAPE VIEW BECAUSE THEY ARE SO SPREAD OUT AND THIN.
3 THIS IS A REQUEST FOR BASIC RESEARCH, TO ASSESS THE NATURAL
4 ENVIRONMENT. THIS IS WHAT WE DO IN THE PLANNING PROCESS. WE
5 GATHER INFORMATION, WE DO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND WE DO
6 THE RESEARCH TO THE INFORM THE PLANNING PROCESS. THIS PROJECT
7 IS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER TYPES OF STUDIES WE DO TO
8 INFORM THE PLANNING PROCESS, NO DIFFERENT THAN A BIOLOGICAL
9 SURVEY TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS ON THIS SITE
10 OR THE WIND ANALYSIS THAT THE COUNTY REQUIRES US TO DO IN
11 MARINA DEL REY. WE GATHER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION, WE DO THE
12 ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE PROJECT,
13 ASSESS THE PROPER SCALE AND DESIGN. THIS DATA-GATHERING TASK
14 WOULD BE PART OF THAT ASSESSMENT PROCESS. NOW OBVIOUSLY, A
15 NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE ARGUED BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
16 AND BEFORE THIS BOARD IN NOVEMBER AND TODAY THAT THERE IS A
17 RELATIONSHIP, A PRECEDENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS C.U.P. AND
18 THE WIND ENERGY PROJECT. THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
19 BOARD'S DECISION ON THIS C.U.P. AND A POSSIBLE FUTURE DECISION
20 ON THE WIND ENERGY PROJECT, JUST AS WHEN THE COUNTY MAKES A
21 DETERMINATION OF THE SCOPE OF THE--

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WRAP IT UP. YOUR TIME IS UP.

24



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1 **ROGER VAN WERT:** UNDERSTANDING THE WIND ENVIRONMENT IS
2 ESSENTIAL TO DILIGENCE, NOTHING MORE, AND I HOPE THAT THE
3 BOARD WILL CONCUR WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S UNANIMOUS
4 APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **JERRY NEUMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, OTHER MEMBERS
7 OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS JERRY NEUMAN, I REPRESENT ELEMENT
8 POWER IN THIS MATTER. AS MR. VAN WERT SAID, THIS IS ABOUT
9 DOING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, DOING THE STUDIES WHICH
10 ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT
11 IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SITE WIND TOWERS HERE, WHETHER OR NOT WE
12 CAN DETERMINE THE SCALE AND SIZE OF THOSE TOWERS AND WHETHER
13 OR NOT WE CAN APPROPRIATELY PROVIDE YOU THE INFORMATION TO
14 MAKE A DETERMINATION ON BOTH BIRDS AND THE WIND RESOURCE SO
15 THAT AS WE PRESENT OUR PROJECT AND MOVE IT FORWARD, YOU HAVE
16 THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION AT HAND TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION.
17 YOUR VOTE TO NOT ALLOW US TO DO THIS TODAY WOULD, IN EFFECT,
18 BE SAYING THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE YOU ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION IN
19 YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, WHICH MEANS BY ITS VERY
20 NATURE YOU HAVE CREATED A CONDITION WHEREBY THAT REPORT COULD
21 BE CHALLENGED AND ANY CHALLENGES TO THAT REPORT WOULD HAVE TO
22 BE SUSTAINED. WE ARE MERELY ASKING YOU TO GIVE US THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE YOU THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION. IN THE
24 YEARS THAT THE SMALLER TOWERS HAVE BEEN THERE, THERE HAS NOT
25 BEEN ONE BIRD INCIDENT, AND WE BELIEVE AND EVERYTHING WE KNOW



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1 ABOUT THESE TOWERS AND THE USE OF THESE TOWERS IN OTHER AREAS
2 ALSO STATE THAT THERE BE NOT BE ANY BIRD INCIDENTS THAT WILL
3 OCCUR. THERE ARE NO LIGHTS ON THESE TOWERS. THIS IS LIKE
4 PUTTING A TRAFFIC LINE TO GET THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC-- TO GET
5 AN ACCURATE TRAFFIC COUNT OR PUTTING UP INFORMATION-GATHERING
6 SYSTEMS IN THE MARINA TO GET WIND RESOURCES. ELEMENT POWER
7 UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS IS NOT A PRECURSOR DECISION TO APPROVE
8 THEIR PROJECT. WHAT WE DO BELIEVE IS WHAT YOU HAVE ASKED US TO
9 DO THAT WE NEED TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY AND MAKE THE
10 APPROPRIATE ARGUMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND IN THAT REGARD, THE
11 FAIRMONT TOWN COUNCIL, THE OSO TOWN COUNCIL AND NUMEROUS OTHER
12 STAKEHOLDERS HAVE SAID THAT THEY SUPPORT THE INFORMATION
13 GATHERING SO AS THEY MAKE THEIR OWN DETERMINATIONS ON THE
14 PROJECT THEY WILL HAVE THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND
15 INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DO THAT. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL
16 UNDERSTAND THIS AND DO THE SAME. DENYING THIS WOULD DENY
17 SOMEONE ELSE THE OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE TO GET THEIR
18 PROJECTS' INFORMATION UNDERSTOOD.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOHN
21 CALVERT. JOHN CALVERT. SEAN PONSO.

22

23 **STAN ANDERSON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS STAN ANDERSON. I'VE LIVED IN
24 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR OVER 20 YEARS, AND I BELIEVE THAT
25 ELEMENT POWER HAS BEEN OPEN WITH THE COMMUNITY WITH THEIR



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1 INFORMATION AND I APPROVE THEIR PROJECT. WE ALL NEED TO
2 EMBRACE CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY, EVEN IF IT'S IN OUR OWN
3 BACKYARD. IT'S NECESSARY, IT'S FOR OUR FUTURE, CLEAN AIR,
4 CLEAN ENERGY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR. MR. ANDERSON, ARE THERE
7 TWO STAN LEE ANDERSONS?

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9 **STAN ANDERSON:** THAT IS ME.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP KATHERINE ALLEN. OKAY.
12 YES, SIR. WHO IS NEXT?

13

14 **DAVID WHITESIDE:** MY NAME IS DAVID WHITESIDE. I'M THE OWNER AND
15 THE FOUNDER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SPORTSMANS CLUB WHICH IS
16 JUST SOUTH OF THE POPPY PRESERVE. I DON'T OPPOSE THESE MET
17 TOWERS AT ALL. I'M VERY INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT THE RESULTS
18 OF WHAT THEY DO TO THE BIRDS. I DON'T THINK THEY WILL DAMAGE
19 THE BIRDS AT ALL. I'M VERY INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT WHAT THE
20 AMOUNT OF WIND RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE IN THE AREA, SO IF IT
21 WAS ME, I WOULD APPROVE THESE MET TOWERS AND I THANK YOU FOR
22 ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JUDY
25 WATSON. JUDY WATSON. YES, SIR.



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GENE MELCHERS: MY NAME IS GENE MELCHERS, I LIVE IN ROSEMOND, I HAVE LIVED THERE FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. IN THOSE 30 YEARS, I HAVE SEEN WIND TURBINES GO UP IN THE TEHACHAPI MOUNTAINS. I HAVE RECENTLY WENT TO SCHOOL TO BE A WIND TURBINE TECH. THE MET TOWERS ARE USED TO MEASURE WIND SPEED DATA. THEY'RE BARELY VISIBLE AND WILL NOT BE VISIBLE TO THE SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE. THERE'S OTHER ALTERNATIVES FOR PRODUCING POWER. ONE THING IS COAL PLANT, WHICH IS A HEAVY POLLUTER. THE WIND PROJECTS I HAVE WORKED ON IN THE PAST WERE ADAMANT ABOUT BEING AS PRISTINE AS POSSIBLE. IN CONCLUSION I HIGHLY SUPPORT THIS INVESTIGATIVE ACTION TO DISCOVER WHETHER THIS BE A VIABLE PROJECT IN THIS REGION. THANK YOU.

14

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

16

JOHN CALVERT: MY NAME IS JOHN CALVERT, I'M A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE FAIRMONT AREA. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SORT OF A DIFFERENT TACT BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE POINTING OUT THE EFFECTS OF THE MET TOWERS AND ON BIRDS, WE'RE ALL AWARE OF THAT, BUT I GREW UP ON THE EAST SIDE OF LANCASTER ON AVENUE E AND ABOUT 60TH STREET ON A SMALL FARM WITH MY PARENTS, LIVED A GREAT LIFE THERE. MY PARENTS WERE FORCED OFF THAT LAND BY THREAT OF EMINENT DOMAIN SO THAT THE SEWAGE DISTRICT COULD DISCHARGE WATER NO LONGER TO



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1 EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE BUT TO IRRIGATE LAND THERE. EVERY TIME
2 I DRIVE DOWN AVENUE E AND LOOK WHERE I SPENT A WONDERFUL
3 CHILDHOOD AND SEE NOTHING BUT AN EMPTY LOT WITH NO TRACE OF
4 WHERE I SPENT ALL THOSE WONDERFUL DAYS AND NEIGHBORS HOUSES
5 AND FRIENDS HOUSES ARE GONE ALSO. WHERE DO I GO NOW, IF THESE
6 PROJECTS COME IN AND THE MET TOWERS ARE PRECURSORS THROUGH THE
7 PROJECT, I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN WHERE THEY'RE LOCATED AND
8 SITED, EITHER ONE OF THEM WILL DESTROY THE USE AND VALUATION
9 OF MY PROPERTY. SHADOW FLICKER, LIGHTS, MY PROPERTY VALUES
10 WILL PLUMMET. THEN WHERE DO I GO? WHERE AM I GOING TO BE
11 ASSURED AS A CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTY THAT I CAN GO AND FIND A
12 PLACE THAT I CAN SETTLE, RETIRE IN AND BE UNMOLESTED. THANK
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL JUDY WATSON.

16

17 **JUDY WATSON:** I'M JUDY WATSON AND I'VE LIVED IN ANTELOPE VALLEY
18 FOR 51 YEARS AND 41 YEARS OUT IN KINGS CANYON AREA. I'M
19 OPPOSED TO THE MET TOWERS AS THIS ENTIRE PROJECT IS SITED IN
20 THE WRONG AREA TO BEGIN WITH. WITH. THIS PROJECT BRINGS
21 OVERWHELMING DESTRUCTION TO PORTAL RIDGE, OUR WILDLIFE FLOWERS
22 AND POPPY FIELDS WHICH HAS MADE THE WEST SIDE OF ANTELOPE
23 VALLEY FAMOUS. THIS PROJECT THREATENS OUR WILDLIFE SURVIVAL AS
24 WE HAVE MANY ENDANGERED SPECIES OF BIRDS, CONDORS, BALD AND
25 GOLDEN EAGLES JUST TO NAME A FEW. WHY WASTE A YEAR'S WORTH OF



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1 DATA OF INFORMATION WHEN THIS PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE AT THIS
2 LOCATION? I HAVE BEEN TO FOUR C.T.A.C. MEETING REVIEWS FOR
3 ELEMENT WHICH ANOTHER ONE FOLLOWS. THEY CANNOT SEEM TO GET
4 PAST THE REVIEW WHICH SHOWS HOW MUCH THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT
5 WILDLIFE HABITAT IN OUR AREA. ARE THEY SETTING A NEW RECORD
6 FOR NUMBER OF TIMES THEY HAVE TO RETURN? WE HAVE OVER 800
7 SIGNATURES ON OUR PETITION OPPOSING ELEMENT AND NEXT ERA'S
8 PROJECT. FIFTY-FOUR OF THOSE ARE FROM THE FAIRMONT RESIDENTS.
9 AFTER A SHOW OF HANDS FROM THE COMMUNITY AT THIS OPEN FAIRMONT
10 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 19TH, OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSING THE
11 PROJECT, YET THE FAIRMONT TOWN COUNCIL SAW FIT TO WRITE A
12 LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION FOR ELEMENT ANYWAY. IN MY OPINION,
13 THIS SHOWS A TOTAL DISREGARD TO THE COMMUNITY NEGLIGENCE AND A
14 LACK OF PROPER REPRESENTATION OF ITS RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP CASSIDY
17 SKELTON, JEFF OLESH. JEFF. OKAY. KATHERINE.

18

19 **KATHERINE ALLEN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS KATHERINE ALLEN
20 AND I LIVE IN PEARBLOSSOM WHICH IS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE
21 ANTELOPE VALLEY. I'M HERE TO BRING OUT THE POINT THAT THE
22 POPPY RESERVE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE IN THE ANTELOPE
23 VALLEY, NOT JUST FOR THE FOLKS ON THE WEST SIDE AND HAVING
24 SOMETHING THERE THAT IS GOING TO DESTROY THE VIEW SHED OF THE
25 POPPY RESERVE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS



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1 APPEAL AND STOP THIS PROJECT BEFORE IT GOES ANY FARTHER. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. SEAN PONSO. LUKE VION

5

6 **SEAN PONSO:** MY NAME IS SEAN PONSO, I'M A RESIDENT OF THE
7 ANTELOPE VALLEY. IN THE INTEREST OF TRYING TO FIND INFORMATION
8 OUT ABOUT THIS PROJECT, I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL, THE
9 SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF APPROVING THE MET
10 TOWERS. I AM ACTUALLY AN EMPLOYEE OF ELEMENT POWER BUT I AM A
11 LOCAL RESIDENT IN REGARDS OF THE COMPANY HAS BEEN VERY GOOD
12 TRYING TO REACH OUT TO LOCAL CITIZENS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY TO
13 TRY TO GATHER INFORMATION AND I AM JUST AN EXTENSION OF THAT
14 IN REGARDS OF I WAS HIRED RECENTLY TO BE ABLE TO FIND OUT
15 INFORMATION, GATHER INFORMATION AND TO BE ABLE TO PROPOSE IT
16 BACK TO THE COMPANY SO THEY CAN MAKE THE BEST DECISION
17 POSSIBLE, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. CURT BEDWELL. CURT BEDWELL.
20 ARE YOU CURT?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** NO.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS CURT HERE? OKAY. PAUL HUETTEN. PAUL
25 HUETTEN, JEFF OLESH. OKAY, JEFF, YOU'RE HERE. CASSIDY. YOU'RE



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1 CASSIDY. LUKE VION. YOU'RE LUKE. OKAY. MARGARET RHYNE. WHOEVER
2 CAN GO FIRST.

3

4 **CASSIDY SKELTON:** MY NAME IS CASSIDY SKELTON, I AM A LIFELONG
5 RESIDENT OF KINGS CANYON AND I AM ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
6 LAKES TOWN COUNCIL. OUR LAKES TOWN COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED
7 OVERWHELMING COMMUNITY OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT AS A WHOLE
8 AND THERE ARE SEVERAL CONCERNS WITH THE EFFECT THAT THESE MET
9 TOWERS WILL HAVE ON FIREFIGHTING MANEUVERS, AERIAL
10 FIREFIGHTING MANEUVERS, THE FACT THAT THE TOWERS ARE GOING TO
11 REQUIRE MORE GUY-WIRES WHICH ARE GOING TO CREATE MORE OF A
12 HAZARD FOR THE AVIAN SPECIES, SPECIFICALLY THE 800 TRI-COLORED
13 BLACK BIRDS THAT HAVE BEEN SIGHTED IN THE AREA FORAGING ON
14 GRASSHOPPERS WHICH IN OTHER INSTANCES WOULD EAT ALL OF THE
15 POPPIES AND WE WOULD NOT HAVE ANY POPPIES. OUR COMMUNITY IS
16 CONCERNED ABOUT DECLINE OF PROPERTY VALUES, WE'RE CONCERNED
17 ABOUT THE NOISE POLLUTION, THE LIGHT POLLUTION. WE'RE
18 CONCERNED THAT IT DOES NOT FIT IN WITH THE RURAL CHARACTER OF
19 OUR COMMUNITY, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE WILDLIFE WILL BE
20 DEVASTATED IN WAYS THAT CAN NEVER BE REPAIRED, NEVER BE
21 MITIGATED, WE'VE GOT BALD EAGLES, GOLDEN EAGLES, CALIFORNIA
22 CONDORS HAVE BEEN TRACKED VIA G.P.S. IN OUR AREA, WE'VE GOT
23 TRI-COLORED BLACK BIRDS, BURROWING OWLS AND SEVERAL VERY
24 SENSITIVE SPECIES AND I BELIEVE THAT THE INSTALLATION OF THESE
25 UPGRADED TOWERS WILL ONLY GIVE INFORMATION FOR A COMPANY THAT



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1 IS-- OR FOR A PROJECT THAT IS VERY POORLY SITED AND TOO LARGE
2 FOR THE AREA CONSIDERED AND IT WILL JUST FRAGMENT SIGNIFICANT
3 ECOLOGICAL AREAS AND TRANSITION AREAS FROM THE ANGELES
4 NATIONAL FOREST TO THE TEHACHAPI MOUNTAIN RANGE AND ONTO
5 SIERRA NEVADAS AND IT WILL ALSO FRAGMENT TWO STATE PARKS AND
6 SEVERAL CONSERVATION AREAS IN THE AREA.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ERIC PREVEN.

9

10 **JEFF OLESH:** MY NAME IS JEFF OLESH AND I'M 27 YEARS IN THE
11 LAKES FAIRMONT AREA AND I GUESS I'M GOING TO HIT ON SOMETHING
12 NOBODY HAS HIT ON YET, AND THAT IS THE TACTICS THAT MOST OF
13 THESE RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPANIES INCLUDING ELEMENT POWER COME
14 INTO OUR AREA WITH, IT'S LIKE THE GOLD RUSH OF THE 1860S.
15 THERE'S SO MUCH CORRUPTION AND SO MUCH MONEY AND MONEY AT THIS
16 POINT IN FAIRMONT IS BEING OFFERED NOT ON PAPER BUT VERBALLY,
17 TWO MILLION DOLLARS WAS THE NUMBER AT THE ELEMENT OPEN HOUSE.
18 IT WAS GOING AROUND, IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAD
19 OFFERED FAIRMONT TOWN COUNCIL TWO MILLION DOLLARS IF THEY
20 DON'T OPPOSE THE WIND TURBINES. I DON'T REALLY SEE THAT THAT
21 IS FAIR, AND SO THEIR VOTE IN NONOPPOSITION OF THE MET TOWERS
22 IS AS A RESULT OF THIS TWO MILLION DOLLARS HANGING OUT THERE
23 AND DISREGARDING THE BIOLOGICAL VALUE WHICH IS HUGE THERE.
24 THAT CAME OUT AT FIRST AND SAID THERE'S NOTHING OUT THERE.
25 WELL, THEY HAD THREE BIOLOGICAL REPORTS THAT FAILED. NOW WE



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1 FIND OUT IN THIS LAST REPORT, THERE'S 103 DIFFERENT SPECIES OF
2 BIRDS OUT THERE, SO THEY ARE NOT EXACTLY AN HONEST COMPANY,
3 THAT'S FOR SURE, AND TWO MILLION DOLLARS IS NOT WORTH THE
4 ELEVEN THOUSAND ACRES THAT WOULD BE TAKEN UP BY BOTH BORDERING
5 PROJECTS IN THIS HEALTHY AND DIVERSE HABITAT AND THE RARE
6 FLORA AND FAUNA THAT EXISTS THERE. LIKE I SAID, THEY'VE
7 DISREGARDED AT THIS LAST FAIRMONT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
8 THURSDAY, I ATTENDED, THEY TOTALLY DISREGARDED AN OVERWHELMING
9 VOTE TO OPPOSE THE MET TOWERS, THE TOWN COUNCIL DID. THANK
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO, CURTIS MORAN. CURTIS
13 MORAN. CURTIS? YOU'RE HERE. OKAY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO NEXT?

14

15 **LUKE VION:** HI. MY NAME IS LUKE VION, I'M A LIFELONG RESIDENT
16 OF THE AREA. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT GLOBAL BACKLASH AGAINST
17 THESE GENERATORS. IN THE U.K., THEY HAVE FORMED MANY DIFFERENT
18 ORGANIZATIONS WHO OPPOSE WIND TURBINES OF THIS SCALE AND
19 INDUSTRIAL ENERGY OF THIS SCALE. MY PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT
20 THESE TURBINES ARE REALLY JUST TOO LARGE AND THEY PROBABLY
21 SHOULDN'T EXIST. WE DO NEED GREEN ENERGY AND THAT ENERGY
22 SHOULD BE GENERATED IN OUR BACKYARD BY OUR OWN PERSONALLY
23 OWNED SOLAR AND/OR WIND OR ANY KIND OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY THAT
24 IS AVAILABLE TO US, SHOULD BE GENERATED BY OURSELVES. TO GIVE
25 AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THESE ARE POORLY SITED, LAST



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1 YEAR, "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES" REPORTED 70 GOLDEN EAGLES DEAD
2 PER YEAR AT ALTAMONT AND ONLY 60 PAIRS OF GOLDEN EAGLES LEFT
3 IN THE AREA, SO AT THAT RATE, THEY DON'T HAVE LONG. SO THE
4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA REACHED A 2.5-MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENT
5 WITH NEXTERA AS PART OF THAT SETTLEMENT, NEXTERA AGREED TO
6 REMOVE AND/OR REPLACE ALL OF THE TURBINES AT AT ALTAMONT BY
7 2015. THAT IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THESE PROJECTS ARE POORLY
8 SITED. PLEASE LET'S NOT LET THAT HAPPEN HERE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP NAT PARKER.

11

12 **MARGARET RHYNE:** I'M MARGARET RHYNE, I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO BE
13 THE PRESIDENT OF THE POPPY RESERVE MOJAVE DESERT INTERPRETIVE
14 ASSOCIATION. I BELIEVE THE GENTLEMAN RIGHT NOW IS HANDING OUT
15 A PAMPHLET THAT EXPLAINS OUR GROUP AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY AN
16 OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POPPY
17 RESERVE MOJAVE DESERT INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION THAT MORE FULLY
18 DISCUSSES THE MANY OBJECTIONS WE HAVE TO THIS PROJECT. I WANT
19 TO EMPHASIZE, THOUGH, WHILE I HAVE A MOMENT TO SPEAK, THAT
20 THESE WIND-- THE MET TOWERS THAT ARE PROPOSED BY THESE TWO
21 ORGANIZATIONS ARE IN DIRECT VIOLATION TO THE LATEST
22 RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME.
23 IN DISCUSSING THE TYPE OF INSTALLATION PROPOSED FOR THE SIX
24 MET TOWERS, 60-METER TOWERS STAKED TO THE GROUND BY MULTIPLE
25 GUY-WIRES, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME, IN A



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1 LETTER DATED JUNE 20, 2011, TO THE KERN COUNTY PLANNING
2 DEPARTMENT STATED THAT AVIAN FATALITIES AT INDIVIDUAL MET
3 TOWERS EQUALED OR EXCEEDED THE RATES ATTRIBUTED TO ANY SINGLE
4 TURBINE. THE LETTER GOES ON TO STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST THE
5 USE OF GUY-WIRED TOWERS AND THIS IS AS A RESULT OF THE
6 RESEARCH OF GARY SMALLWOOD AND OTHER BIOLOGISTS. THE PROPOSAL
7 TO CONSTRUCT THE SIX MET TOWERS PROPOSED BY ELEMENT POWER
8 NEXTERA IS PARTICULARLY DISTURBING CONSIDERING THE RICH
9 BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY THAT THRIVES IN THE AREA. THIS AREA IS AN
10 IMPORTANT MIGRATORY ROUTE FOR A VARIETY OF ENDANGERED BIRDS
11 AND PROVIDES NESTING AND FORAGING HABITAT FOR SPECIES BOTH
12 ICONIC AND THREATENED, INCLUDING BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLES,
13 PEREGRINE FALCONS, TRICOLORED BLACKBIRDS AND EVEN THE
14 CALIFORNIA CONDOR. EVERY SPRING, 50 TO 100,000 VISITORS COME
15 TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CALIFORNIA POPPY RESERVE FOR AN ALMOST
16 PURELY VISUAL EXPERIENCE. THE ESSENCE OF THAT EXPERIENCE WILL
17 BE RADICALLY ALTERED BY THE ELEMENT POWER PROJECT, AN OCEAN OF
18 GLASS INTERSPERSED WITH 50-STORY INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES WILL
19 COVER AN AREA LARGER THAN THE TOTAL SIZE OF THE PARK ITSELF ON
20 THE RESERVE'S WESTERN BORDER, ADDITIONAL TURBINES WILL LINE
21 THE VIEW ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER. TRAGICALLY, THIS AREA MOST
22 DAMAGED BY THE SEVERE CHANGES TO THE VIEW SHED IS THE MOST
23 VISITED PART OF OUR PARK.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WRAP IT UP. YOUR TIME IS UP.



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2 **MARGARET RHYNE:** WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS DENIES PROVISION TO CONSTRUCT DANGEROUS GUY-WIRE
4 MET TOWERS IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. IS SUSAN
7 ZAHNTER HERE? SUSAN?

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY
10 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. I DO NOT LIVE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
11 BUT I WAS CERTAINLY HERE ON NOVEMBER 22, I BELIEVE IT WAS,
12 WHEN THIS ITEM CAME BEFORE THE BOARD. MAYBE IT WAS IN OCTOBER.
13 I AM SHOCKED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING IS
14 MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION. I AM VIGOROUSLY
15 OPPOSED TO THIS BECAUSE I HAVE LISTENED TO THE RESIDENTS AND
16 THEY HAVE SPOKEN VERY CLEARLY ABOUT A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS
17 WITH THIS KIND OF PROJECT. THE GENTLEMAN WHO SPOKE A MOMENT
18 AGO TALKED ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. WHY WOULD WE NOT
19 TAKE A LOOK AT THAT? SUPERVISOR KNABE WILL EXCUSE HIMSELF FOR
20 THESE REMARKS. BUT I STILL BELIEVE THAT IT'S WORTH HEARING
21 FROM THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SAID, FIRST OF ALL, THESE TOWERS ARE
22 A BABY STEP TOWARDS A LARGER LEAP INTO WHAT IS GOING TO BE 40
23 TOWERS IN THIS AREA. WHAT ABOUT THE GENTLEMAN THAT TALKED
24 ABOUT GROWING UP IN THIS AREA AND HAVING BEEN ALREADY EMINENT
25 DOMAINED OUT. WHAT ABOUT SO MANY OF THESE PEOPLE. THEN THE



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1 QUESTION BECOMES, WHY HERE? WE HEARD FROM MR. WHITESIDE WHO
2 OWNS A GREAT PIECE OF LAND OUT THERE AND HE'S VERY INTERESTED
3 IN SEEING IT GO FORWARD. PERHAPS HE'LL BE IN BUSINESS WITH
4 ELEMENT. I THINK WE HEARD FROM A GUY FROM THE FAIRMONT TOWN
5 COUNCIL WHO ACTUALLY TOLD US UP FRONT, DISCLOSED THAT I
6 BELIEVE HE IS AN ELEMENT L.L.C. EMPLOYEE. I DON'T KNOW. I FEEL
7 LIKE WHEN THE TOWN COUNCIL HEARS FROM NUMEROUS RESIDENTS, THEY
8 ALL SPEAK UP AND SAY PLEASE NO AND THEN THEY WRITE A LETTER
9 SAYING YES IT IS OUR JOB TO RAISE OUR VOICES AND ASK NICELY
10 THAT THIS BE POLITELY REJECTED, WE NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT
11 PLACE, IN THE EDISON CORRIDOR WHERE THERE ARE NUMEROUS LARGE
12 TOWERS ALREADY IN PLACE, ALREADY THE COST OF BEING IN A FIRST
13 WORLD NATION, WE NEED TO CONSIDER PUTTING THESE TOWERS THERE.
14 I KNOW IT'S MORE WORK FOR THE PURPOSES OF PEOPLE IN THE
15 REGIONAL PLANNING OFFICE BECAUSE OF THE SMALLER PLOTS, LET'S
16 GET THIS DONE, LET'S GET THIS PIECE REMOVED. THIS IS A BAD
17 IDEA. PLEASE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. RICHARD HAGUE, RICHARD HAGUE. NAT
20 PARKER. OKAY. THANK YOU. OKAY, YES, SIR.

21

22 **CURIS MORAN:** MY NAME IS CURTIS MORAN, I LIVE IN KINGS CANYON,
23 AN AREA THAT WILL BE DESTROYED BY THESE PROJECTS. I OPPOSE
24 THESE PROJECTS. THIS HEARING FOR MET TOWERS AND THE INDUSTRIAL
25 SCALE WIND TURBINE PROJECTS WHICH WOULD FOLLOW IS A LANDMARK



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1 HEARING. THIS WILL BE THE SUPERVISORS' VERY FIRST PUBLIC SHOW
2 OF SUPPORT, SUPPORT EITHER FOR THE RIGHTS AND CONCERNS OF THE
3 COMMUNITIES ADJACENT TO THE PROJECTS OR SUPPORT FOR THE WIND
4 PURVEYORS WHO HAVE ONE OVERRIDING CONCERN: MONEY. DENYING THE
5 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THESE MET TOWERS WILL SHOW GREAT
6 WISDOM ON YOUR PART. GRANTING THE PERMIT WILL DRAW AN EVEN
7 DEEPER LINE IN THE SAND. THOSE OPPOSING THESE IMPROPERLY SITED
8 PROJECTS ARE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THIS ISSUE. THOSE SUPPORTING
9 THESE IMPROPERLY SITED PROJECTS ARE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THIS
10 ISSUE. THERE ARE NO SHADES OF GRAY HERE. IT'S RIGHT VERSUS
11 WRONG. WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING YOUR RULING. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

14

15 **NAT PARKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M NAT PARKER, PROJECT MANAGER FOR
16 ELEMENT POWER FOR OUR WILDFLOWER PROJECT, APPRECIATE THE
17 CHANCE TO BE HERE TODAY. TWO MINUTES IS A TOUGH TIME TO
18 ENCAPSULATE THE YEAR AND A HALF THAT I'VE SPENT IN THE
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY WORKING ON THIS PROJECT, BUT LET ME START BY
20 SAYING THAT MY COMPANY IS ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO WORKING IN
21 GOOD FAITH WITH THE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO
22 APPROPRIATELY DEVELOP PROJECTS THAT WORK TOWARD THEIR BENEFIT.
23 WHY ARE WE HERE? THE WESTERN ANTELOPE VALLEY BOASTS THE MOST
24 POWERFUL ON PEAK WIND RESOURCE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
25 THIS IS A PLACE WHERE THE WIND RESOURCE IS STRONG COINCIDENT



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1 WITH PEAK LOAD. IT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. THE ACTUAL SPOT, THE
2 HEALY RANCH AND THE ADJOINING LANDS WHERE WE ARE PREVIOUSLY
3 DISTURBED PRIVATE LAND THAT HAVE BEEN FARMED IN ALFALFA AND
4 CATTLE GRAZING FOR SOME TIME. WE ARE NOT ON THE RIDGE, WE ARE
5 NOT IN NATIVE CHAPARRAL. OUR COMPANY HAS OPENED AN OFFICE IN
6 THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, SIR. WE WENT OUT AND WE ASKED PEOPLE WHAT
7 THEY THOUGHT, WE PRESENTED VARIOUS CONFIGURATIONS OF THIS, WE
8 GO TO C.T.A.C. MULTIPLE TIMES BECAUSE WE VALUE INPUT AND
9 ADVICE. WE ARE ASKING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW THE
10 RESOURCE, TO KNOW IF THIS PROJECT HAS VIABILITY. I UNDERSTAND
11 THIS IS NOT A PRECURSOR. BY THE WAY, WE ARE COMMITTED TO
12 MAKING THIS AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT BEFORE BEING A PROJECT
13 MANAGER IN WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY, I MANAGED THE SIERRA CLUB IN
14 OREGON AND IDAHO FOR TWO YEARS, I WAS A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
15 IN THE ENVIRONMENT BEFORE THAT. THERE'S A REASON WE ARE HERE,
16 IT IS TO DO RIGHT AND TO DEVELOP A PROJECT THAT WILL CREATE UP
17 TO 400 JOBS OVER 18 MONTHS. 20 PERMANENT JOBS OVER 30 YEARS.
18 WE'VE DESIGNATED 347 ACRES OF PERMANENTLY PROPOSED PROTECTED
19 AREAS ACROSS THE SITE. WE HAVE ALSO SAID THAT AS A COMPANY WE
20 HAVE A DUTY TO PUT FORWARD OUR COMMITMENT TO TREATING OUR
21 NEIGHBORS CORRECTLY AND THAT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS WHERE
22 YOU HEARD THAT TWO MILLION BOGEY. I WORKED WITH YOUR STAFF
23 SPECIFICALLY TO THINK ABOUT A TRANSPARENT FUNDAMENTAL WAY TO
24 CREATE A FOUNDATION WHICH WOULD IN FACT ENDOW THE COMMUNITY
25 BASED ON THE IMPACTS OF THIS PROJECT AND WILL THERE BE SOME



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1 IMPACTS? CERTAINLY THERE WILL BE. WE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE AND TAKE
2 CREDIT FOR THOSE. THIS DESERVES A ROBUST DEBATE, NOT NOW.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **SUSAN ZAHNTER:** MY NAME IS SUSAN ZAHNTER, I'M VICE PRESIDENT OF
8 THE THREE POINTS-LIEBRE MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL AND WE ARE
9 OPPOSED TO THE MET TOWER PROJECT AND THE GREATER PROJECT IT
10 REPRESENTS. I MET SOMEONE LAST WEEK WHO WAS CAREFUL TO SAY
11 THAT HE WAS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF ELEMENT POWER. THE GIST OF THE
12 CONVERSATION WAS, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR OUR COUNCIL TO CHANGE
13 ITS POSITION. AT THE TIME I SAID I REALLY COULDN'T SAY BUT
14 TODAY THE SHORT ANSWER IS THERE'S NOTHING THAT THEY COULD
15 OFFER US TO MAKE US CHANGE OUR MINDS, AND I SAY THIS WITH
16 CONVICTION BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE COUNTY'S OWN PLANNING
17 DOCUMENTS WILL PROTECT WHAT WE VALUE FROM INCOMPATIBLE
18 COMMERCIAL UTILITY SCALE DEVELOPMENT. THIS INCLUDES THE
19 CHARACTER OF OUR REAL COMMUNITIES, THE CALIFORNIA POPPY
20 RESERVE, RIPLEY DESERT WOODLANDS, THE COUNTY'S DESERT PINES
21 WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS LIKE PORTAL
22 RIDGE AND FAIRMONT BUTTE. WHAT WE VALUE CANNOT BE TRADED FOR
23 ANYTHING. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.



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2 **RICHARD HAGUE:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE LAST NAME IS

3 PRONOUNCED HAGUE. WE WENT AROUND THIS WAY LAST MONTH. I WANT

4 TO DIRECT THE BEGINNING OF MY REMARKS TO SUPERVISOR KNABE. IS

5 THAT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, SIR? OKAY. YOU HAVE THE PLEASURE OF

6 HAVING IN YOUR DISTRICT 4 A JEWEL OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN,

7 CATALINA ISLAND. IN 1983, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATED

8 A NUMBER OF AREAS ON THE ISLAND AS S.E.A.S. AS YOU KNOW,

9 THERE'S BEEN A LONG EFFORT BY THE CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

10 AND OTHERS TO RECOVER THE NATURAL ECOLOGY OF THE ISLAND SO

11 NEARLY DESTROYED OVER LONG YEARS BY FERAL GOATS, PIGS WHICH

12 HAD MULTIPLIED UNCEASINGLY. THE CONSERVANCY HAS ALSO BEEN ABLE

13 TO THROUGH A CAPTIVE BREEDING AND RELEASE PROGRAM RECOVER THE

14 ISLAND FOX WHICH WAS NEAR EXTINCTION DUE TO DISEASE. THEY

15 PUBLISHED THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NOW OVER 1,300 FOXES UP FROM

16 UNDER 100 SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THEY'VE ALSO REESTABLISHED

17 SEVERAL BREEDING PAIRS OF BALD EAGLES ON THE ISLAND. THESE

18 EAGLES VANISH FROM CATALINA AFTER WORLD WAR II BECAUSE OF THE

19 D.D.T. IN THEIR FOOD CHAIN. MY POINT IS, SUPERVISOR, THE GREAT

20 TIME, EFFORT AND EXPENSE IN THE CONTINUING PROCESS TO RECOVER

21 THE ISLAND'S ECOLOGY. WE HAVE IN PORTAL RIDGE THE POPPY

22 RESERVE, RIPLEY DESERT WOODLANDS AND OTHER NEARBY AREAS

23 INCLUDING S.E.A.S 58, 57 AND 60. ANOTHER UNIQUE AND

24 MAGNIFICENT AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'VE SEEN GRAY FOX,

25 DEER, BOBCAT, GOLDEN AND BALD EAGLES, ETCETERA. IN AND AROUND



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1 THE POPPY RESERVE, THERE'S AN AMAZING SPLASH OF COLOR AND I
2 SENT SOME PICTURES AROUND, THAT ATTRACT VISITORS FROM AROUND
3 THE WORLD. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS OF CALIFORNIA CONDOR USING
4 THIS SPECTACULAR WILDLIFE CORRIDOR AS WELL. HUGE AND I KNOW
5 THE TIME IS UP BUT I'M GOING TO FINISH THIS LAST LITTLE
6 SENTENCE. HUGE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BY ELEMENT AND NEXTERA
7 THROUGH AND AROUND THESE S.E.A.S AND RESERVES WILL RESULT IN
8 DESTRUCTION AS BAD OR WORSE AND OF LONGER DURATION AS THE
9 GOATS AND PIGS CAUSED ON CATALINA. THE MET TOWERS ARE JUST A
10 PRELIMINARY TO HUNDREDS OF MASSIVE WIND TURBINES AND THOUSANDS
11 OF SOLAR PANELS. PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THE GOATS AND PIGS ACCESS
12 TO THIS WONDERFUL REGION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SAVE IT FOR
13 OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND UTLIMATE DESCENDANTS. THANK
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS,
17 THE ELEMENT POWER IS REQUESTING A C.U.P. CONSTRUCTING FIVE
18 METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS, EACH 197 FEET 8 INCHES IN HEIGHT, NEAR
19 170TH STREET WEST AND LANCASTER ROAD IN THE UNINCORPORATED
20 PORTION OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THESE ARE TALL, THIN
21 STRUCTURES SUCH AS METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS WHICH POSE A
22 COLLISION RISK TO AVIAN SPECIES, WIDE VARIETY OF BIRD SPECIES
23 HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED TO COLLIDE WITH THE ASSOCIATED GUY-WIRES,
24 GENERALLY BELIEVE THAT THE BIRDS COLLIDE WITH THESE LINES
25 BECAUSE THE LINES ARE INVISIBLE TO THE BIRDS OR BECAUSE THE



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1 LINES ARE NOT SEEN UNTIL TOO LATE. LARGE, LESS-MANEUVERABLE
2 BIRDS ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO COLLISIONS WITH THESE WIRES
3 THAT ARE RELATIVELY THIN AND DIFFICULT TO SEE FROM A DISTANCE,
4 POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS INCLUDING FOG, RAIN OR SNOW AS WELL AS
5 DARKNESS MAKE THESE LINES VERY DIFFICULT TO SEE. PROLIFERATION
6 OF METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT SAFETY HAZARD TO
7 MANY TYPES OF AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONS. THE TOWERS ARE
8 DIFFICULT TO SEE AND IN SOME CONDITIONS VIRTUALLY INVISIBLE.
9 THE OPERATIONS THAT ARE AT RISK OF STRIKING A TOWER INCLUDE
10 GENERAL AVIATION FLIGHTS FOR PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION, FLIGHT
11 TRAINING, AGRICULTURAL APPLICATION, NUMEROUS FEDERAL, STATE
12 AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES, WILDLIFE
13 MANAGEMENT AND MANY OTHERS. ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS ALSO
14 WANT TO MAINTAIN THE RURAL CHARACTER FOUND IN THEIR TOWNS AND
15 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT. THE CHARACTER IS WHAT MAKES THE
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY UNIQUE AND VALUABLE. METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS
17 HAVE CREATED INDUSTRIALIZED AND COMMERCIAL ATMOSPHERE THAT IS
18 INCONSISTENT WITH THE RURAL PRESERVATION STRATEGIES THAT THE
19 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN SEEKING AND THEIR AREA PLANS HAVE BEEN
20 ADOPTED. I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD INDICATE ITS
21 INTENT TO APPROVE THE APPEAL OF THE L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL
22 PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL BY DENYING THE CONDITIONAL USE
23 PERMIT DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY
24 FINDINGS, TO DENY THE APPROVAL OF C.U.P. 201100018, MR.
25 CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A SECOND?
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SECONDS. ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
4 MOTION TO GRANT THE APPEAL FROM THE COMMISSION'S DECISION,
5 CORRECT?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL. THAT IS
10 WHAT I SAID. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, RESIDENTS OF THE
14 ANTELOPE VALLEY, FOR COMING DOWN, BOTH HERE AND AT THE
15 LIBRARY, WHO TESTIFIED.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT ITEM.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE ON ITEM NUMBER 2, THIS IS THE DE
20 NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R2010-01402-5 CONDITIONAL USE
21 PERMIT 201000136-5 AND CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
22 CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF METEOROLOGICAL
23 TOWER LOCATED AT 170TH STREET WEST NEAR LANCASTER ROAD IN THE
24 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ANTELOPE VALLEY IN THE ANTELOPE
25 VALLEY WEST ZONED DISTRICT AAPPLIED FOR BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN



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1 BOULEVARD ASSOCIATES L.L.C. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON
2 THIS MATTER AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE HAVE A STAR REPORT? GO
5 AHEAD.

6

7 **SUSAN TAE:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
8 MY NAME IS SUSAN TAE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING.
9 ON JUNE 8TH, 2011 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED A
10 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ONE NEW TEMPORARY METEOROLOGICAL
11 TOWER APPROXIMATELY 198 FEET OR 60 METERS TALL. THE
12 COMMISSION'S DECISION WAS UNAPPEALED TO YOUR BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS. A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR
14 METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS OVER 85 FEET TALL IN THE LIGHT
15 AGRICULTURAL ZONE. ANY POTENTIAL WIND PROJECT IS REQUIRED TO
16 FILE A SEPARATE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND HAVE ITS OWN PUBLIC
17 HEARING PROCESS. STAFF HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE
18 APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE THAT THIS MATTER BE CONTINUED THIS
19 MORNING AS AN UNAVOIDABLE CONFLICT CAME UP AND THEY WERE
20 UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF STATEMENT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS PROJECT IS SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUS ONE
23 WE JUST REJECTED, SO WITH THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO MOVE
24 THAT THE BOARD INDICATE ITS INTENT TO APPROVE THE APPEAL OF
25 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S COMMISSION APPROVAL AND



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1 DENY THE C.U.P. DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE
2 NECESSARY FINDINGS DENYING THE COMMISION'S APPROVAL OF THAT
3 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 201000136.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
6 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK MANY OF THEM ARE FROM THE SAME ISSUE
9 BEFORE. ARE THERE ANYBODY WHO HAD SIGNED UP BEFOE WHO WANT TO
10 SPEAK THIS TIME? IF NOT, I WOULD JUST MOVE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW ABOUT THE APPLICANT?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S NOT HERE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HE'S NOT HERE. CYNDY MAY?

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHE'S IN LANCASTER. LANCASTER.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SHE OPPOSES-- I'M NOT CLEAR ON
21 WHAT THIS IS IN FAVOR AND OPPOSED. IN FAVOR OF WHAT AND
22 OPPOSED TO WHAT?

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE ONLY PERSON THERE WOULD BE CYNDY MAY,
25 SHE MAY WANT TO TESTIFY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS CYNDY MAY THERE FROM LANCASTER?

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4 **CYNDY MAY:** YES. I'M HERE AND JUST AS A FORMALITY, I WANTED TO
5 MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNEW THAT WE WERE IN FAVOR OF THE APPEAL ON
6 ITEM NUMBER 2 AS WELL AS NUMBER 1. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DOES THAT GO FOR ALL THE OTHER 11
9 PEOPLE, JOHN CALVERT, JUDY WATSON?

10

11 **CYNDY MAY:** I'M GOING TO SPEAK FOR THEM. WE ARE ALL IN
12 AGREEMENT ABOUT THE APPEAL.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

15

16 **CYNDY MAY:** BEING APPROVED.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** APPRECIATE THAT, MISS MAY. SO IS
19 THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS
20 ITEM? IF NOT, SEEING NONE, ANTONOVICH HAS A MOTION, SECONDED
21 BY MOLINA. ANY DISCUSSION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE
22 ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NUMBER 4, THIS IS
25 THE HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF 27 PARCELS TO THE



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1 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT PARCELS NUMBER 201-11
2 TO 227-11 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES OF DISTRICT 1,
3 4 AND 5, FIND THAT THE ANNEXATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS ARE TO MEET
4 OPERATIONAL EXPENSES TO MAINTAIN SERVICE WITHIN THE PROPOSED
5 ANNEXATION AREAS AND ARE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE
6 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT TO BE EFFECTIVE IN FISCAL
7 YEAR 2013, 2014 AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING
8 NEGOTIATIONS THAT THERE WILL BE NO EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX
9 REVENUES FROM ANNEXATION OF THE 27 PARCELS. THERE IS A
10 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

11
12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT?

13
14 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU AND I'M SENIOR
15 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR
16 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION THROUGH THE
17 CONSOLIDATED SEWER _____ DISTRICT OF A LEVY OF SEWER SERVICE
18 CHARGES TO THE 27 PARCELS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER WHICH
19 ARE LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES OF AVOCADO HEIGHTS,
20 HACIENDA HEIGHTS, INDUSTRY, IRWINDALE PASADENA, ROWLAND
21 HEIGHTS, WEST COVINA AND WHITTIER AND IN THE CITIES OF
22 ARTESIA, BELL GARDENS, BELLFLOWER, COMMERCE, DIAMOND BAR,
23 GLENDORA, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, SAN DIMAS, SANTA FE SPRINGS AND
24 WALNUT. THE INVOLVED CITIES HAVE GRANTED A CONSENT _____.
25 IN MY OPINION, ALL 27 PARCELS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE



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1 ANNEXATION TO THE DISTRICT AND BY THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED.
2 IN MY OPINION, THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY
3 IMPOSED AND DO NOT EXCEED THE PROPORTIONAL COSTS OF THE SEWER
4 SERVICES ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH OTHER.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, A
7 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS
8 AGAINST A PROPOSED ANNEXATION. AS A RESULT IT WOULD BE
9 APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING
10 THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES,
13 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION-- AND WE HAVE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO
15 BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SORRY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS.
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NUMBER 5,
23 THIS IS THE HEARING TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE
24 HOLLYWOOD BOWL PARK AND RIDE AND SHUTTLE PROGRAM FOR THE 2012
25 HOLLYWOOD BOWL SUMMER SEASON. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT



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1 STATEMENT, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE TWO
2 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. PREVEN AND MR. SACHS. WHERE IS
5 MR. SACHS? IS HE HERE?

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHICH ITEM ARE WE ON, SIR?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS MR. SACHS HERE? OKAY. GO AHEAD,
10 MR. PREVEN.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHICH ITEM, SIR?

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 5.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** ITEM NUMBER 5, FIRST OF ALL, I AM GOING TO
17 ENCOURAGE THE RESIDENTS AND THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM,
18 BEGRUDGINGLY. IT IS A 20 PERCENT INCREASE, IF I'M NOT
19 MISTAKEN, ON THE PARK AND RIDE FEE FROM 8 TO 10 DOLLARS. THIS
20 IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE, OF COURSE, AND IT'S FOUR TO FIVE
21 DOLLARS ON THE SMALLER NUMBER THERE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT
22 THESE COSTS ARE IMPORTANT AND IN THE CONTEXT, WE SHOULD BE
23 GRATEFUL THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS ABLE TO PUSH THROUGH
24 A THREE MILLION DOLLARS BATHROOM UPGRADE AT THE BOWL AND THAT
25 CERTAINLY IS MUCH APPRECIATED. I HAVE ONE QUESTION IN REGARD



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1 TO THAT WHICH IS THE COST PER FACILITY, SHOULDN'T THAT BE
2 SOMETHING THAT GORDIAN MARKS AND THAT IS THE JOB ORDER
3 CONTRACTING GROUP, SO WE WOULD KNOW WHETHER THAT IS BENCHMARK
4 APPROPRIATE WITH OTHER FACILITIES LIKE THIS FOR THE COST OF A
5 REST ROOM? ANYWAY, WE SUPPORT THIS BEGRUDGINGLY BECAUSE IT IS
6 AN INCREASE BUT WE UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
9 CLOSED. RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES, I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 5.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS ON ITEM NUMBER 6. THIS IS A HEARING
13 ON THE SETTLE OF THREE EMINENT DOMAIN ACTIONS BROUGHT BY THE
14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACQUIRE A
15 PORTION OF UNDEVELOPED COUNTY PARK KNOWN AS SHADY BEND PARK
16 LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED LLANO COMMUNITY IN THE ANTELOPE
17 VALLEY. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, THERE WAS
18 CORRESPONDENCE THAT WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER. I DON'T
19 BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE ANY PUBLIC SPEAKERS-- OH, I'M SORRY.
20 THERE ARE NO PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AND THERE'S NO STAFF REPORT
23 OR ANYTHING, SO KNABE MOVES, RIDLEY-THOMAS SECONDS ON ITEM
24 NUMBER 6. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 7, THIS IS THE DE NOVO HEARING
2 ON PROJECT NUMBER R2010-01627 AND ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NUMBER
3 201000014, ALL DISTRICTS TO AMEND TITLE 21, SUBDIVISION
4 ORDINANCE AND TITLE 22, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY CODE HEALTHY DESIGN ORDINANCE. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT
6 STATEMENT, CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND THERE ARE THREE
7 SPEAKERS ON THE MATTER.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S HAVE THE DEPARTMENT STAFF
10 GIVE THEIR REPORT, PLEASE.

11

12 **SUSAN TAE:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD, MY NAME IS SUSAN TAE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
14 PLANNING. ALSO WITH ME THIS MORNING FROM REGIONAL PLANNING ARE
15 JOSHUA HUNTINGTON AND JODI SACKET WHO ARE PART OF THE HEALTHY
16 DESIGN ORDINANCE TEAM. THE ORDINANCE PROPOSES AMENDMENTS TO
17 THE COUNTY'S SUBDIVISION AND ZONING CODES TO PROMOTE BETTER
18 HEALTH AND HELP REDUCE OBESITY IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. THESE
19 AMENDMENTS INCLUDE PROVIDING BETTER WALKING ENVIRONMENTS,
20 ENHANCING PROJECT REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, ENCOURAGING MORE
21 CYCLING, AND INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS. IN BOTH THE
22 SUBDIVISION AND ZONING CODE SIDEWALK WIDTHS ARE PROPOSED TO
23 INCREASE TO AT LEAST FIVE FEET. IN THE SUBDIVISION CODE,
24 AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED TO GREATER EMPHASIZE STANDARD STREET
25 DESIGN SO THAT TREES AND LANDSCAPING BUFFER PEDESTRIANS FROM



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1 CARS ALONG WITH REQUIRING THE EQUIVALENT OF SIDEWALKS WITHIN
2 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENTS. THE ORDINANCE ALSO
3 PROPOSES PEDESTRIAN-THROUGH CONNECTIONS AT THE END OF CUL-DE-
4 SAC BULB STREETS WHERE SCHOOLS, TRAILS, RECREATION CENTERS,
5 AND OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD DESTINATIONS COULD BE ACCESSIBLE. FOR
6 NEW RESIDENTIAL LOTS ADDITIONAL TREES WOULD BE REQUIRED NEAR
7 SIDEWALKS TO ENHANCE SHADING AND ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING WOULD
8 BE REQUIRED WITHIN CERTAIN CONDOMINIUM, COMMERCIAL, AND
9 INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISIONS. THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROPOSES GREATER
10 JUSTIFICATION WHEN ALTERNATE DESIGNS OR THE MODIFICATION OR
11 WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS IS PROPOSED. CONSIDERATION FOR
12 BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS INCLUDING CHILDREN, SENIOR CITIZENS
13 AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THESE
14 REQUESTS. IN THE ZONING CODE, THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROPOSES
15 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ANY LANDSCAPE STRIPS WITHIN PARKING LOTS
16 AS WELL AS ALLOW THE COUNTY BIOLOGIST TO EXEMPT APPROPRIATE
17 SHADE TREES FROM THE DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE.
18 THE AMENDMENTS ALSO PROPOSE TO ENCOURAGE MORE BICYCLING BY
19 ESTABLISH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM BICYCLE PARKING
20 REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW BUILDINGS AND LARGE ADDITIONS AS WELL AS
21 SHOWER AND CHANGING FACILITIES FOR NEW LARGE AND COMMERCIAL
22 INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. FOR PROJECTS NEAR PUBLIC TRANSIT OR ALONG
23 THE COUNTY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN ROUTE, THE ORDINANCE ALSO
24 PROPOSES AN AUTOMATIC VEHICLE PARKING REDUCTION WHEN MORE THAN
25 REQUIRED BICYCLE PARKING IS PROVIDED. THE HEALTHY DESIGN



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1 ORDINANCE ALSO PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH FARMERS MARKETS AS A
2 DISTINCT USE IN THE CODE WITH WEEKLY MARKETS ALLOWED ON
3 PRIVATE PROPERTY AND RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND COMMERCIAL
4 ZONES WITH EITHER DIRECTOR'S REVIEW OR A MINOR CONDITIONAL USE
5 PERMIT. ANY SHORT-TERM MARKET COULD ALSO FILE FOR A
6 TEMPORARILY USE MARKET PERMIT. MARKETS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO
7 COMPLY WITH STANDARDS FOR HOURS OF OPERATION, NOISE, TRASH,
8 INSPECTIONS AND PARKING AS WELL AS THE ACCEPTANCE OF CAL-FRESH
9 BENEFITS AS ONE FORM OF PAYMENT. THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROPOSES
10 COMMUNITY GARDENS AS A PERMITTED USE AND RESIDENTIAL,
11 AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONES WITH ON-SITE SALES LIMITED
12 TO AGRICULTURAL ZONES MEETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS. PROJECTS
13 THAT NEED TO MEET A BURDEN OF PROOF WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED TO
14 CONSIDER BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS IN THEIR PROJECTS. THE
15 DRAFT ORDINANCE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN BY
16 ADDRESSING GOALS AND POLICIES RELATED TO HEALTH, AIR QUALITY,
17 AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THE DRAFT ORDINANCE BY
18 ENCOURAGING WALKING, CYCLING, AND EXERCISE ALSO ADDRESSES
19 IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH AS WELL AS REDUCING DEPENDENCE ON THE
20 AUTOMOBILE. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION HAS BEEN PREPARED AS IT WAS
21 DETERMINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT
22 EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THROUGHOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
23 ORDINANCE, REGIONAL PLANNING AND OUR CONSULTANT, ALTA PLANNING
24 AND DESIGN CONDUCTED OUTREACH WITH STAKEHOLDERS FROM REALTORS
25 IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS COMMUNITY



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1 MEMBERS, PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND MEMBERS OF THE
2 ENTITLEMENT AND ENGINEERING COMMUNITY. THE ORDINANCE WAS ALSO
3 DEVELOPED THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH OUR FELLOW DEPARTMENTS OF
4 PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, AND PARKS AND RECREATION.
5 THE HEALTHY DESIGN ORDINANCE WAS CONSIDERED BY THE REGIONAL
6 PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE NOVEMBER 21ST, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING
7 AND AFTER HEARING TESTIMONY FROM THE COALITION OF SOUTH LOS
8 ANGELES IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORT, VOTED 4-0 WITH ONE
9 COMMISSIONER ABSENT TO RECOMMEND TO YOUR BOARD ADOPTION OF THE
10 ORDINANCE. SINCE THE COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING, ADDITIONAL
11 AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR THIS ORDINANCE. THESE
12 INCLUDE AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBDIVISION CODE TO CORRECT STREET
13 CROSS-SECTION DIAGRAMS, CLARIFY THAT ALL PEDESTRIAN WAYS
14 OUTSIDE THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ARE PRIVATELY MAINTAINED AND ADD
15 ADDITIONAL STREET DESIGNS FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL
16 STREETS WITH PARK WAYS FOR LANDSCAPING. AN ADDITIONAL
17 AMENDMENT IS PROPOSED TO ELIMINATE THE SPECIFIC MAP
18 REQUIREMENTS FROM THE CODE AND BE MAINTAINED AS SEPARATE LISTS
19 BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING. FOR THE ZONING CODE, THE
20 DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY GARDENS HAS BEEN UPDATED TO EMPHASIZED
21 FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AS WELL AS CLARIFY SINGLE OR MULTIPLE
22 PLOTS. THE ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS ALSO PROPOSE TO CLARIFY THAT
23 FARMERS MARKETS MAY BE PERMITTED IN A SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL
24 AREA SUBJECT TO THOSE S.E.A. REQUIREMENTS, BUT WOULD BE
25 PROHIBITED WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE HABITAT AREAS



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1 LOCATED IN OUR COASTAL ZONES. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE MATERIAL
2 PROVIDED UNDER "FARMERS MARKETS" THE CODE REFERENCE FOR
3 PERMITTED AREAS COULD BE COLLECTED TO "22, 52, 2610". ALSO
4 DEVELOPED WITH THE ORDINANCE WAS A SET OF HEALTHY DESIGN
5 GUIDELINES WHICH HELPED DEFINE THE PROJECT AS WELL AS SERVE AS
6 A GUIDE FOR FUTURE PROJECTS. THE ORDINANCE ADDRESSED FIVE
7 AREAS INCLUDING PATHWAYS AND TRAILS, STREET DESIGN, TRANSIT
8 STOPS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING. THE CONSULTANT ALSO PREPARED
9 THE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES REPORT WHICH PROVIDE CASE STUDIES AND
10 SUMMARIZED BEST PRACTICES. THE REPORT PROVIDED RECOMMENDATIONS
11 FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OUR COUNTY CODE OF WHICH THE
12 ORDINANCE INCORPORATED SEVEN INCLUDING BICYCLE PARKING,
13 MINIMUM SIDEWALK WIDTHS, PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS, AND REDUCED
14 VEHICLE PARKING. THIS PROPOSED HEALTHY DESIGN ORDINANCE WAS
15 MADE POSSIBLE BY SUPERVISORS KNABE AND YAROSLAVSKY WHO
16 INITIATED THESE EFFORTS IN 2009 WITH INSTRUCTION TO PUBLIC
17 HEALTH TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR HEALTHY DESIGN. THE HEALTHY
18 DESIGN ORDINANCE IS PART OF A LARGER COUNTY EFFORT TO ADDRESS
19 THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC AND IS THE CULMINATION OF A TWO-YEAR
20 EFFORT THAT ENCOURAGES A HEALTHIER BUILT ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL
21 OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES. AFTER OPENING THE
22 PUBLIC HEARING AND HEARING TESTIMONY, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT
23 YOUR BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVE THE NEGATIVE
24 DECLARATION, AND DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO RETURN WITH THE
25 FINAL ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION. DUE TO GRANT FUNDING



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1 REQUIREMENTS, WE DO RECOMMEND THAT COUNTY COUNSEL RETURN
2 WITHIN 60 DAYS FOR THIS FINAL ORDINANCE. THIS CONCLUDES
3 STAFF'S PRESENTATION AND WE'RE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY
4 QUESTIONS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO PROPOSE AN
7 AMENDMENT AT THIS TIME SO THEY CAN BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION.
8 "IN 2009, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCTED COUNTY STAFF TO
9 DEVELOP DESIGN STANDARDS FOR BUILDING PEDESTRIAN TRANSIT AND
10 BICYCLE FRIENDLY DEVELOPMENTS, TO ALSO PROMOTE WALKING AND
11 OTHER OUTDOOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND ULTIMATELY INCORPORATE
12 THESE ELEMENTS INTO THE PUBLIC WORKS DESIGN STANDARDS. THE
13 HEALTHY DESIGN ORDINANCE THAT IS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY IS A
14 PRODUCT OF MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF COLLABORATIVE WORK BY COUNTY
15 STAFF IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC
16 HEALTH AND IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN THE EFFORT TO MAKE
17 THE COUNTY A HEALTHIER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK. IN PARTICULAR
18 THIS ORDINANCE WILL HELP ENSURE THAT THE DESIGN OF NEW PRIVATE
19 DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS WILL CONTAIN
20 BASIC PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE AMENITIES AND WILL FACILITATE THE
21 GROWTH OF FARMERS MARKETS AND COMMUNITY GARDENS IN ORDER TO
22 PROVIDE GREATER ACCESS TO FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN ALL
23 PARTS OF THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. TO ACHIEVE THESE IMPORTANT
24 BENEFITS, THE ORDINANCE SHOULD BE ADOPTED TODAY OVER THE
25 COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO BUILD HEALTHIER NEIGHBORHOODS SHOULD NOT



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1 STOP WITH THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE. RESEARCH INCLUDING
2 THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY'S REPORT, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION DESIGN
3 GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WAS WRITTEN IN PREPARATION
4 FOR THIS ORDINANCE HAS MADE PLAIN THE IDEA THAT MUCH MORE
5 NEEDS TO BE DONE TO CREATE LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT DO NOT
6 RELY SOLELY ON AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION. COUNTY PLANNERS AND
7 ENGINEERS AND PRIVATE DEVELOPERS WILL HAVE TO MAKE A CONCERTED
8 EFFORT TO ACHIEVE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE
9 WALKING, BIKING AND TAKING TRANSIT. THESE EFFORTS SHOULD
10 INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO REVIEWING ZONING AND LAND USE
11 PLAN POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE SPRAWLING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH
12 FORCE PEOPLE TO DRIVE VAST DISTANCES JUST TO GET TO WORK OR TO
13 BUY A GALLON OF MILK, CREATING STREET DESIGNS THAT MAKE
14 PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY LESS COMFORTABLE, MORE DANGEROUS AND DO
15 NOT ACCOMMODATE BICYCLISTS AND OTHER USERS OF THE ROAD.
16 FINDING OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
17 PATHWAYS THAT ARE SEPARATED FROM CAR TRAFFIC AND DESIGNING
18 BUILDING ORIENTATION, LIGHTING, LANDSCAPING, PARKING AND BLOCK
19 LAYOUT STANDARDS THAT FACILITATE A PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY
20 ENVIRONMENT. IN A COUNTY AS BIG AS LOS ANGELES, THERE ARE NO
21 ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL SOLUTIONS. WHAT WORKS IN ONE AREA MAY NOT BE
22 SUITABLE FOR ANOTHER, BUT THE COUNTY SHOULD FURTHER ITS EFFORT
23 TO ACHIEVE THE DESIGN OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES IN A
24 MANNER THAT ENCOURAGES PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY, BICYCLING AND
25 COMFORTABLE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT, AND OUTDOOR PHYSICAL



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1 ACTIVITY. DOING SO WILL MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY A BETTER,
2 HEALTHIER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK. I THEREFORE MOVE THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING--" WELL, WE'RE NOT
4 THERE YET. SORRY ABOUT THAT. WE WILL LATER PROPOSE TO CLOSE
5 THE PUBLIC HEARING. I WANTED TO GET THIS OUT SO PEOPLE KNOW
6 WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING "TO
7 APPROVE THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED
8 IN THE VERBAL PRESENTATION TODAY. ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING
9 ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS: ONE, RESTORE THE PROPOSED DELETIONS TO
10 SECTION 21.48.040 BECAUSE THESE TECHNICAL CHANGES HAVE NOTHING
11 TO DO WITH HEALTHY DESIGN AND SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE
12 BOARD UNDER A STAND-ALONE ORDINANCE CHANGE SO THAT MEMBERS OF
13 THE PUBLIC MAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THEIR MERIT.
14 TWO, RESTORE THE AMENDMENT CONTAINED IN THE INITIAL DRAFT OF
15 THE ORDINANCE WHICH REQUIRED A CROSS-SECTION SHOWING ROADWAY
16 PAVING WIDTH AND TYPE, ROADWAY MEDIAN, CURB AND GUTTER OR ROAD
17 SHOULDER, SIDEWALK PAVING WIDTH AND TYPE, LANDSCAPING AND TREE
18 PLANTING, STREET LIGHTING, WALL AND/OR FENCE DESIGN AND OTHER
19 SUCH INFORMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING DEEMS
20 NECESSARY. I WILL FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
21 DECLARE THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS BOARD AND THE POLICY OF
22 THIS COUNTY TO ENCOURAGE DESIGN OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
23 FACILITIES IN A MANNER THAT ENCOURAGES PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY,
24 BICYCLING, THE COMFORTABLE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT AND OUTDOOR
25 PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO COORDINATE A



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1 DEPARTMENT-WIDE EFFORT TO REVIEW THE APPROACHES CONTAINED
2 WITHIN THE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES REPORT, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
3 DESIGN GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS THE BEST
4 PRACTICES CONTAINED WITHIN THE MODEL DESIGN MANUAL FOR LIVING
5 STREETS. THREE, REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITHIN
6 180 DAYS WITH A RECOMMENDATION AS TO, "A", WHICH OF THESE
7 PRACTICES SHOULD BE EITHER MANDATED OR ENCOURAGED BY THE
8 COUNTY, "B" THE APPROPRIATE MECHANISM BY WHICH THESE PRACTICES
9 SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, "C" AN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM TO ENSURE
10 THAT THESE RECOMMENDED PRACTICES ARE CARRIED OUT AS
11 APPROPRIATE IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES AND, "D"
12 POTENTIAL FUNDING MECHANISMS TO IMPLEMENT THESE POLICIES
13 INCLUDING FROM FUTURE PUBLIC HEALTH GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES.
14 AND FINALLY, NUMBER 4, DIRECT EVERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT
15 SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE
16 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE DIRECTOR
17 OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACTIVELY COOPERATE IN THIS EFFORT AND TO
18 ASSIST IN ACHIEVING THE INTENT OF THIS BOARD AND THE POLICY OF
19 THIS COUNTY AS STATED ABOVE." I'LL MOVE IT OFFICIALLY AFTER
20 THE PUBLIC HEARING. I JUST WANTED TO GET THAT OUT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD SECOND THAT AND JUST A
23 COMMENT. IT'S A GOOD START ON OUR ORIGINAL MOTION THAT WE
24 BROUGHT BACK WAY BACK WHEN. THE ONE ISSUE WHEN IT COMES BACK
25 THAT I WOULD STILL LIKE A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ON AND THAT



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1 IS THE ELIMINATION OF THE ALTERNATE CROSS-SECTION STREET
2 DESIGN FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT
3 THAT MAY BE NEGATIVE FOR INFILL HOUSING AND HOUSING
4 AFFORDABILITY. WE NEED OTHER OPTIONS OTHER THAN JUST HAVING A
5 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION KIND OF A FEE WHERE SOMETIMES THIS
6 OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS KIND OF A THING ALSO PUTS THE LANDSCAPE
7 BACK IN THE HANDS OF THE HOMEOWNER AS WELL TOO WHICH HELPS ON
8 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY. SO IF PART OF THAT REPORT COMING BACK
9 CAN JUST SORT OF LOOK AT THAT ISSUE AND ISOLATE A LITTLE BIT
10 AND GIVE US A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I ACCEPT THAT. THAT IS PROBABLY A
13 SUGGESTION AMENDMENT. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WISH TO SALUTE BOTH YOU
16 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR YOUR FORESIGHT IN THIS INSTANCE. THIS
17 IS A BIG IDEA, THIS IS FORWARD-LOOKING, IT IS PROGRESSIVE
18 POLICY MAKING. PERMIT ME TO OFFER A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WHICH
19 IS TO UNDERGIRD THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE STATED
20 DEPARTMENTS, NAMELY PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC HEALTH, TO
21 CONTINUE THIS COLLABORATION BUT TO REPORT BACK TO US ON A
22 BIENNIAL BASIS AS TO THEIR PROGRESS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE HOPE
23 HERE IS TO NOT SIMPLY PROMULGATE AN ORDINANCE THAT IS ISOLATED
24 BUT IT IS SYSTEMIC IN NATURE AND DEFINES THE WAY IN WHICH WE
25 ADVANCE THE AGENDA THAT THE MOTION AND THE ORDINANCE IS



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1 SEEKING TO DO, SO I WOULD HOPE THAT IT BE RECEIVED IN THE
2 SPIRIT AS INTENDED TO HAVE A BIENNIAL REPORT BACK FROM THE
3 COLLABORATIVE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED. ALL
6 RIGHT. THANK YOU. MR. ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE QUESTION I HAVE, SOME OF THESE PROPOSALS
9 ARE FOR A CITY AND NOT A COUNTY. A COUNTY HAS RURAL
10 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE RURAL BY NATURE AND WE HAVE COMMUNITY
11 STANDARD DISTRICTS, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE HOMES FOR TWO AND ONE-
12 HALF ACRES AND YOU CAN'T MIX THAT LIFE-STYLE WITH AN URBAN
13 AREA LIKE, SAY, DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES OR A LARGE CITY, SO YOU
14 SHOULD INDICATE THAT WHEN YOU SAY "LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT
15 DON'T RELY SOLELY ON AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION" IN THE FARMING
16 COMMUNITIES AND THE RURAL AREAS, THEY DON'T WANT A SUPERMARKET
17 ON EVERY OTHER CORNER, SO WE HAVE TO TAKE SENSITIVITY INTO THE
18 AREA THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT BUT NOT MAKE EVERYONE AN
19 URBAN HIGHLY URBANIZED AREA. THAT IS MY CONCERN.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I AGREE WITH YOU. I DON'T THINK
22 THERE'S ANYTHING THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS IN CONFLICT WITH
23 THIS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST THAT SECOND TOP OF YOUR PARAGRAPH ON
2 PAGE TWO WHERE YOU SAY THAT "HAS A PLAN THAT HAS MUCH MORE
3 NEEDS TO BE DONE TO CREATE LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT DO NOT
4 RELY SOLELY ON AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION."

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR RURAL AREAS, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A HORSE OR
9 A CAR TO GET TO. IT'S NOT LIKE A DOWNTOWN URBAN AREA SO
10 THERE'S GOT TO BE SENSITIVITY TO THE URBAN AND THE-

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH BUT MIKE, THE CORE OF THIS
13 PROPOSAL IS TO DEVELOP DESIGN STANDARDS FOR BUILDING
14 PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSIT BICYCLE-FRIENDLY DEVELOPMENTS. WE'RE
15 NOT TALKING ABOUT A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL APPROACH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, I DON'T WANT A ONE-
18 SIZE-FITS-ALL APPROACH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND NOBODY DOES. IT WOULDN'T BE
21 PRACTICAL TO BUILD A BIKEWAY IN LAKE LOS ANGELES WOULD BE KIND
22 OF UNAFFORDABLE IF NONSENSICAL, BUT WE'RE BUILDING ALL KINDS
23 OF THINGS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS RIGHT NOW, NEWHALL
24 RANCH, 30,000 NEW HOMES. THAT IS AN URBAN COMMUNITY. OTHER
25 AREAS, OTHER POCKETS WHERE THERE ARE SUBDIVISIONS HAVE BEEN



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1 APPROVED, THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS WHERE THESE KINDS OF
2 APPROACHES, TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, COULD ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF
3 LIFE FOR EVERYBODY. I WAS TELLING DON, I WENT DOWN TO LONG
4 BEACH A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, AND WHAT THEY'VE DONE WITH
5 BICYCLES ALONE, IN THE URBAN CORPS, NOT WITH NEW DEVELOPMENT,
6 BUT ESSENTIALLY RETROFITTING THEIR STREETS IS ABSOLUTELY
7 REMARKABLE. I DIDN'T FALL ONCE OFF MY BIKE, WHICH WAS EVEN
8 MORE REMARKABLE. BUT I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, AND I THINK WE ALL
9 AGREE THAT THIS IS NOT A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL APPROACH, SO WHERE
10 IT MAKES SENSE, WE'LL DO IT WHERE IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, WE
11 WON'T DO IT. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. EVEN IF WE WANTED TO,
12 WE COULDN'T DO IT EVERYWHERE, SO WE'VE GOT TO PICK AND CHOOSE
13 AND PRIORITIZE, AND THE MORE URBANIZED AREAS ARE THE ONES. WE
14 HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD. ANTHONY CRUMP AND
15 ALEXIS LANTZ.

16

17 **ANTHONY CRUMP:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANTHONY CRUMP AND I AM
18 A POLICY ANALYST WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS IN SUPPORTING
19 THE COALITION FOR AN ACTIVE SOUTH L.A. I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS
20 BRIEF. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE H.D.O. WE BELIEVE IT IS A
21 GREAT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR
22 YAROSLAVSKY IN THE SENSE THAT IT DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH AND WE
23 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. THIS IS JUST A START.
24 IN MANY COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES, WE ARE FACING A
25 HEALTH CRISIS. WE HAVE SEEN CHILDHOOD OBESITY RATES SOAR WE



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1 HAVE SEEN THE NUMBER OF KIDS WALKING TO SCHOOL ABSOLUTELY
2 SKYROCKET. WE'VE ALSO SEEN JUST SOME BASIC PREVENTABLE
3 DISEASES JUST GO UP, SO, FOR INSTANCE, DIABETES, CHRONIC HEART
4 DISEASE, ALL OF THESE THINGS CAN BE PREVENTED WITH A LITTLE
5 BIT OF EXERCISE. THE HEALTHY DESIGN ORDINANCE MAKES IT EASIER
6 TO DO THAT BUT IT JUST DOESN'T DO EVERYTHING THAT NEEDS TO
7 HAPPEN. SO OTHER ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TODAY ALSO
8 INCLUDES, FOR INSTANCE, ADDING MULTI-MODAL LEVEL SERVICE WHICH
9 IS A SYSTEM OF MEASUREMENT THAT ACTUALLY INCORPORATES ALL THE
10 NEEDS OF EVERY USER INTO A STREET DESIGN. ITEMS SUCH AS THE
11 MODEL DESIGNS FOR LIVING STREETS SHOULD BE ADOPTED AS WELL, SO
12 ALL THESE THINGS ADDED TOGETHER WOULD BE A MUCH MORE
13 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHY DESIGN ORDINANCE. NONETHELESS WE SO
14 SUPPORT THIS ONE AND WE THINK THAT IT SHOULD MOVE FORWARD.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **ALEXIS LANTZ:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING. I'M ALEXIS
18 LANTZ, THE PLANNING AND POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO VOICE OUR
20 SUPPORT FOR THIS ORDINANCE AND AGREE THAT IT'S JUST A STEP IN
21 THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND WE'RE PLEADING WITH THE MOTION YOU
22 PUT FORTH TODAY. IN PARTICULAR WE'RE REALLY PLEASED THAT THIS
23 IS MOVING FORWARD SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE OF THE FOCUS ON
24 CREATING BICYCLE PARKING CURRENTLY. IN THE COUNTY, THERE IS
25 NOT A BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENT AND BICYCLE PARKING IS A



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1 FUNDAMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ENCOURAGING AND INVITING PEOPLE
2 TO BICYCLE FOR TRANSPORTATION, PROVIDING SAFE AND VISIBLE
3 PARKING NEAR PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCES AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
4 SAW IN LONG BEACH, IT ADVERTISES TO RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL
5 PATRONS THAT THEY ARE INVITED TO SHOP, DINE AND ENJOY THEIR
6 COMMUNITY BY BICYCLE. EVERY YEAR IN MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE
7 MONTH, AND WE ALSO HAVE BIKE-TO-WORK WEEK WHICH METRO
8 ORGANIZES AND I HEAR FROM EMPLOYEES ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY WHO
9 WOULD LIKE TO BICYCLE TO WORK BUT THEIR OFFICES DO NOT
10 CURRENTLY PROVIDE BICYCLE PARKING. MANY OFTEN DON'T LEARN THIS
11 UNTIL THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR OFFICES WITH THEIR BIKES AND
12 THERE'S NOWHERE TO LOCK UP AND OFTENTIMES THEY'RE TOLD THEY'RE
13 NOT ALLOWED TO BRICK THEIR BICYCLE INSIDE THE BUILDING EITHER.
14 ADDITIONALLY THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN L.A.
15 COUNTY WHO BICYCLE FOR DAILY TRANSPORTATION BECAUSE IT IS THE
16 MOST AFFORDABLE FORM OF TRANSPORTATION AND SO THIS ORDINANCE
17 WILL ENSURE EMPLOYEES IN NEW BUILDINGS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 DON'T HAVE THESE ISSUES AND THAT THEY WILL BE ENCOURAGED
19 THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SAFE AND SECURE LONG-TERM BICYCLE
20 PARKING AS WELL AS SHOWERS AND CHANGING FACILITIES TO BICYCLE
21 FOR DAILY TRANSPORTATION. SO AGAIN THIS IS ALSO AN ISSUE THAT
22 IS ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT BICYCLE PLAN THAT WILL BE BEFORE YOU
23 LATER THIS SPRING AND SO WE'RE REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THE
24 COUNTY TAKING A STEP FORWARD WITH ACCOMPLISHING ONE OF THE
25 GOALS OF THE BIKE PLAN BEFORE IT'S EVEN APPROVED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, ALEXIS. GOOD TO SEE YOU
3 AGAIN. IS ARNOLD SACHS HERE? NOT HERE. OKAY. PUBLIC HEARING IS
4 CLOSED. I'LL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY KNABE AS AMENDED. WRITTEN
5 AMENDMENT HERE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE QUESTION. DOES THIS APPLY TO THE LOW
8 DENSITY AND DOES IT APPLY TO AGRICULTURAL ZONES?

9

10 **SUSAN TAE:** THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE CURRENTLY ADDRESSES
11 STREET STANDARDS AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR LOTS OVER 20,000
12 SQUARE FEET WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED A LESS DENSE
13 SUBDIVISION, FOR THOSE PROJECTS WHERE THEY HAVE AT LEAST
14 20,000 SQUARE FEET. THE RURAL CROSS-SECTION WOULD STILL BE AN
15 OPTION FOR ALL SUBDIVISIONS, SO IT WOULD NOT CHANGE CURRENT
16 REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGER LOTS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IT DOES NOT IMPACT THE EQUESTRIAN
19 COMMUNITY?

20

21 **SUSAN TAE:** IT WOULD NOT, AND ALL OF THE PREVAILING
22 REQUIREMENTS IN THE COUNTY CODE REGARDING C.S.D.S AND SPECIFIC
23 REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUESTRIAN DISTRICTS WOULD SUPERSEDE THIS
24 HEALTHY DESIGN ORDINANCE.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S NOT A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL?

2

3 **SUSAN TAE:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL MOVE MY MOTION,
6 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE, AS
7 AMENDED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE ON ITEM NUMBER 8. THIS IS THE DE
10 NOVO HEARING--

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME MAKE THAT CLEAR. I DIDN'T
13 MAKE IT CLEAR BEFORE. WE'RE MOVING THE STAFF REPORT AS AMENDED
14 BY ALL THE AMENDMENTS THAT WERE MADE HERE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
15 UNANIMOUS VOTE. OKAY.

16

17 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SUPERVISORS, DID THAT ALSO INCLUDE APPROVAL OF
18 THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME?

21

22 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT INCLUDED APPROVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
23 DOCUMENT?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE ON ITEM NUMBER 8, THIS IS THE DE
3 NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R2011-00425, CASE NUMBER
4 R.A.D.V. 201100006 AND ENVIRONMENTAL CASE NUMBER T201100135,
5 ALL DISTRICTS, PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 CODE TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING TO ESTABLISH A RURAL OUTDOOR
7 LIGHTING DISTRICT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT,
8 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND THERE ARE NO PUBLIC SPEAKERS
9 ON THIS ITEM.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THERE'S NO STAFF REPORT?

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS A STAFF REPORT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S HEAR FROM STAFF, OKAY. GO
16 AHEAD.

17

18 **CAROL LAFFERTY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M CAROL LAFFERTY
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. SITTING WITH ME IS BRUCE
20 DURBIN ALSO WITH REGIONAL PLANNING. IN 2010, THE BOARD
21 RECOGNIZED THAT RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED RURAL
22 AREAS VALUE NIGHTTIME DARK SKIES THAT ARE UNIMPEDED BY LIGHT
23 POLLUTION. ON DECEMBER 14TH, 2010, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND
24 ANTONOVICH MADE A MOTION THAT DIRECTED THE DIRECTOR OF
25 REGIONAL PLANNING TO PREPARE AN OUTDOOR ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH



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1 A RURAL LIGHTING ZONING OVERLAY THAT WOULD APPLY TO ALL THE
2 COUNTY'S RURAL UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND DEVELOP OBJECTIVE
3 MEASURABLE STANDARDS FOR OUTDOOR LIGHTING THAT WOULD BE
4 APPLICABLE WITH THE RURAL LIGHTING ZONING OVERLAY. COORDINATE
5 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DEVELOP OBJECTIVE
6 MEASURABLE STANDARDS FOR STREET LIGHTS THAT WOULD BE
7 APPLICABLE WITHIN THE RURAL LIGHTING ZONING OVERLAY, CONDUCT
8 OUTREACH TO RESIDENTS OF THE AFFECTED AREAS AND OTHER
9 INTERESTED PARTIES. PREPARE AN APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL
10 DOCUMENT FOR THE ORDINANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA
11 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT IN THE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
12 PROCEDURES. PREPARE AND PRESENT THE ORDINANCE AND ENVIRONMENT
13 DOCUMENT TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION
14 IN A PUBLIC HEARING BY SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2011. ON SEPTEMBER
15 21ST, AND NOVEMBER 9 OF 2011, THE COMMISSION CONDUCTED PUBLIC
16 HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TITLE 22 FOR THE
17 RURAL OUTDOOR LIGHTING DISTRICT ORDINANCE. NO MEMBERS OF THE
18 PUBLIC TESTIFIED AT EITHER HEARING. THE COMMISSION ADOPTED A
19 RESOLUTION WHICH RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER THE
20 PROPOSED ORDINANCE. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE PERMITS REASONABLE
21 USES OF OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR NIGHTTIME SAFETY, UTILITY,
22 SECURITY, PRODUCTIVITY AND ENJOYMENT. CLOSED ORDINANCE DEFINES
23 OUTDOOR LIGHTING, PROVIDES DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR ALL
24 OUTDOOR LIGHTING THAT INCLUDES MAXIMUM LIGHT TRESPASS, MAXIMUM
25 FIXTURE HEIGHT AND REQUIRED SHIELDING. THE DRAFT ORDINANCE



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1 INCLUDES ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING ENTRANCE
2 LIGHTING, HOURS OF OPERATION, STREET LIGHTING, AND OUTDOOR
3 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND SIGNS. THE ORDINANCE INCLUDES THE
4 DEVELOPMENT OF A RURAL OUTDOOR LIGHTING DISTRICT MAP. THE MAP
5 INCLUDES A PORTION OF ANTELOPE AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEYS, SANTA
6 MONICA MOUNTAINS AND SOUTH DIAMOND BAR AREA. THE COUNTY'S
7 RURAL MAP NEEDS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE ENERGY
8 COMMISSION'S RURAL MAP WHICH IS A COMPONENT OF THE STATE OF
9 CALIFORNIA 2008 ENERGY EFFICIENT STANDARDS. OVERLAYING THE
10 STATE'S MAP, AN OPPOSED RURAL OUTDOOR LIGHTING DISTRICT MAP
11 SHOWS SOME INCONSISTENCY IN LAND CLASSIFICATIONS. IN SELECT
12 AREAS THE PROPOSED RURAL DISTRICT CONFLICTS WITH THE STATE'S
13 LIGHTING CLASSIFICATIONS AS THE STATE HAS CLASSIFIED SOME OF
14 THESE AREAS AS URBAN. THEREFORE REQUESTED MODIFICATION OF THE
15 STATE'S OUTDOOR LIGHTING ZONE DESIGNATION IN APPROXIMATELY
16 FORTY SPECIFIC AREAS ARE A COMPONENT OF THE PROJECTS. OUTREACH
17 INCLUDING PRESENTED THE DRAFT ORDINANCE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF
18 RURAL TOWN COUNCILS, THE JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL AND THE
19 LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATING FEDERATION. SINCE THE
20 R.P.C. PUBLIC HEARING, STAFF HAS RECEIVED SEVEN LETTERS IN
21 SUPPORT OF THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING LETTERS FROM THE ANTELOPE
22 VALLEY CONSERVANCY, SCOPE AND LETTERS FROM INDIVIDUAL BOARD
23 MEMBERS OF THE QUARTZ HILL THREE POINTS-LIEBRE MOUNTAIN AND
24 JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCILS IN LAS VIRGENES H.O.A. FEDERATION.
25 STAFF RECEIVED FOUR LETTERS IN OPPOSITION TO THE REQUEST.



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1 THEIR COMMENTS INCLUDED CONCERN THAT THE ORDINANCE IS AN
2 UNWARRANTED TAKING OF THE RIGHTS OF CLIENTS TO SHOW HOW THEY
3 LIVE AND THE RIGHTS OF DESIGNERS TO CHOOSE HOW THEY DESIGN.
4 CONCERN OVER THE NONCONFORMING PRIVATE RESIDENTS THAT WOULD
5 INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF WORK FOR REGIONAL PLANNING AND ZONING
6 ENFORCEMENT STAFF THE COUNTY IS PLACING TOO MANY REQUIREMENTS
7 ON PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN RURAL AREAS. INITIAL STUDY WAS
8 PREPARED FOR THE DRAFT ORDINANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH C.E.Q.A..
9 INITIAL STUDIES SHOW THAT THERE'S NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT
10 THE AMENDMENTS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
11 BASED ON THE INITIAL STUDY, D.R.P. PREPARED A NEGATIVE
12 DECLARATION FOR THIS PROJECT. THAT CONCLUDES STAFF'S
13 PRESENTATION. WE'RE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE NO MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. CORRECT?

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT I WANT TO READ
21 IN, I'LL JUST READ THE RESULTS PART IN THE INTEREST OF TIME,
22 AND IT'S A MOTION THAT BY MYSELF AND BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
23 JOINTLY. "WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE ONE
24 THROUGH THREE OF THE STAFF'S WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS, INSTRUCT
25 COUNTY COUNSEL IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL



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1 PLANNING AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PREPARE AN
2 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 22 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE AS
3 RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION EXCEPT AS MODIFIED
4 BELOW AND BRING THE REVISED ORDINANCE BACK TO THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
6 AMENDMENTS: ONE, WHILE NOT MANDATING THAT STREET LIGHTING BE
7 REPLACED WITHIN A PREDETERMINED TIME FRAME REQUIRE THAT ALL
8 NEW REPLACEMENT STREET LIGHTING FIXTURES UTILIZE FULL CUTOFF
9 FLAT GLASS LENS LUMINARIES AS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF
10 PUBLIC WORKS. TWO, CLARIFY THAT THE STREET LIGHTING
11 REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SECTION 22.44.560A3 SHALL ONLY BE
12 REQUIRED WHEN THE URBAN CROSS-SECTION WITH THE SIDEWALK CURB
13 AND GUTTER IS USED. THREE, ELIMINATE ALL EXEMPTIONS FOR PUBLIC
14 FACILITIES EXCEPT FOR THOSE PUBLIC FACILITIES THAT ARE
15 OPERATED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR PROBATION DEPARTMENT
16 OR THAT HOUSE TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY INCARCERATED PERSONS.
17 FOUR, ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO MINISTERIALLY
18 APPROVE TALLER LIGHTS STANDARD THAN THE HEIGHTS SPECIFIED IN
19 THIS ORDINANCE WHERE THE PROPERTY OWNER OR APPLICANT
20 DEMONSTRATES THAT TALLER FIXTURES WOULD REDUCE THE TOTAL
21 NUMBER OF FIXTURES NEEDED AND WOULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT
22 TRESPASS. AND FIVE, ON NONRESIDENTIAL ZONE PROPERTIES,
23 ADDITIONALLY REQUIRE THAT OUTDOOR LIGHTING THAT CAUSES LIGHT
24 TRESPASS ONTO OPEN SPACE ZONE PROPERTY OR THE IMPROVED PORTION
25 OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-A-WAY BE REMOVED OR MODIFIED TO ELIMINATE



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1 THE LIGHT TRESPASS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
2 THIS ORDINANCE. WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
3 WORKS, THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES AND ALL OF THE
4 DEPARTMENTS THAT OPERATE FACILITIES AFFECTED BY THIS ORDINANCE
5 BE INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH A
6 REPORT DETAILING HOW THEY PLAN TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDINANCE
7 WITHIN SIX MONTHS AND AS NEEDED THEREAFTER. INSTRUCT THAT THIS
8 REPORT SHOULD BE PREPARED WITH THE GOAL OF FINDING THE MOST
9 COST- EFFECTIVE METHOD OF COMPLYING WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND
10 REDUCING LIGHT IMPACTS TO THE RURAL COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY AND PROHIBIT PUBLIC WORKS FROM USING ROAD FUNDS OR
12 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE UNLESS THEY
13 RECEIVE EXPLICIT PERMISSION AT A LATER DATE FROM THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS." SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM.

16
17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE ON ITEM NUMBER NINE, THIS IS THE
18 HEARING TO CONSIDER THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
19 TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT,
20 PROJECT NUMBER 77441-- I'M SORRY EXCUSE ME, ESTABLISH CAPITAL
21 PROJECT NUMBER 77441 APPROVE THE TOTAL BUDGET OF ONE MILLION
22 DOLLARS FOR THE PROJECT IF NO PROTESTS EXIST, ADOPT THE
23 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PROJECT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT
24 STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND
25 THERE ARE NO PUBLIC SPEAKERS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. DEPARTMENT STAFF.

3

4 **STEVE DUNN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEVE DUNN AND I AM A
5 SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM
6 FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE
7 TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT. WE HAVE
8 CONSULTED WITH UTILITY COMPANIES WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED BY
9 THE FORMATION OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT. THIS AREA WAS SELECTED
10 FOR UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 PUBLIC WORKS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED UTILITY
12 COMPANIES HAS DETERMINED THAT UNDERGROUNDING OF EXISTING AND
13 FUTURE OVERHEAD ELECTRIC AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WILL
14 ELIMINATE THEIR PRESENT UNUSUALLY HEAVY CONCENTRATION AND
15 AVOID THE FUTURE CONCENTRATION OF OVERHEAD FACILITIES, THAT
16 THE IMPACTED PORTIONS OF TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD AND OLD
17 TOPANGA CANYON ROAD ARE EXTENSIVELY USED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC
18 AND CARRY A HEAVY VOLUME OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND THAT IT IS
19 IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S TO ESTABLISH THE DISTRICT. WE HAVE
20 RECEIVED NO PROTESTS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, A
25 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS



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1 AGAINST THE PROPOSED TOPANGA CANYON UNDERGROUND UTILITY
2 DISTRICT. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD
3 TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE CAPITAL PROJECT NUMBER
4 77441 AND PLACE THE ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 16
5 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE ON THE AGENDA FOR ADOPTION.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I;LL MOVE IT. KNABE SECONDS
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR
11 TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GO TO THE
14 REGULAR AGENDA. SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUPERVISOR MOLINA? GLORIA?
15 YOU'RE UP FIRST.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ITEMS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO ADJOURNING MOTIONS AND YOU'RE
20 NOT HOLDING ANY ITEMS? ALL RIGHT. THEN WE'LL GO TO SUPERVISOR
21 RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU'RE UP NEXT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. THE THREE ADJOURNING
24 MOTIONS, I BEGIN WITH FRANCES LATIMER MONTGOMERY, SHE BORN ON
25 THE 15TH OF APRIL IN 1924 IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. SHE PASSED



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1 ON JANUARY 15TH OF THIS YEAR AT THE AGE OF 87. SHE LEARNED A
2 BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM FISK UNIVERSITY IN
3 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, MASTER'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM STATE
4 UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BROCKPORT. SHE TAUGHT ELEMENTARY
5 SCHOOL IN ROCHESTER AND MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1957 WHERE SHE
6 TAUGHT SECOND GRADE FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT FOR MORE THAN 34 YEARS. SHE WAS A GIFTED PIANO PLAYER
8 AND AN AVID WORLD TRAVELER, SHE WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE
9 GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WHERE SHE WAS HONORED AS USHER
10 OF THE YEAR IN 2004. SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE FISK CLUB,
11 ALPHA-KAPPA-ALPHA SORORITY AND VOLUNTEERED AT CENTINELA
12 HOSPITAL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, LINDA, GRANDSON
13 TAYLOR, BETTY AND MANY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER
14 DEARLY. BISHOP CLIFTON A. ERVIN, MR. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD
15 MEMBERS, BORN DECEMBER 12, 1931, IN HOUSTON, TEXAS AND PASSED
16 ON THE 15TH OF THIS MONTH AT THE AGE OF 80. HE SERVED IN THE
17 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1945 UNTIL 1952 AND WAS
18 ORDAINED AS DEACON IN 1955, BECAME A LICENSED MINISTER IN 1960
19 AND WAS ORDAINED TO PREACH IN 1961 AT THE BIBLE WAY BAPTIST
20 CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA IN 1970, BECAME THE PASTOR OF
21 EMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN
22 2006. IN ADDITION TO HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE
23 MINISTRY, HE COMPLETED A PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVER COURSE IN
24 1965 AND STARTED, OPERATED HIS OWN TRUCKING BUSINESS. HE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE HELEN, FIVE SONS, 15 GRANDCHILDREN, SIX



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1 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO WILL NO
2 DOUBT MISS HIM DEARLY. AND FINALLY, MYRTLE A. DAVIS, BORN
3 SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1932, IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND PASSED
4 AWAY ON JANUARY THE 18TH AT THE AGE OF 79. SHE RECEIVED A
5 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY AND A
6 MASTER'S DEGREE FROM CAROLINA A&T. SHE TAUGHT ELEMENTARY
7 SCHOOL THERE AND WAS HONORED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR. SHE WAS A
8 MEMBER OF MANY EDUCATIONAL SOCIAL GROUPS AND LIFE-LONG MEMBER
9 OF THE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON
10 CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE DAVIS AND MANY OTHERS WHO ARE
11 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO MARK THE PASSING OF MYRTLE A.
12 DAVIS. MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
15 ORDERED. ARE YOU HOLDING ANY ITEMS? OKAY. I HAVE TWO
16 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. ONE IS ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
17 OF GIGI GORDON, A PROMINENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND
18 MEMBER OF THE COUNTY-WIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING
19 COMMITTEE WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 54. SHE WAS A FOUNDER
20 AND PRESIDENT OF THE POST-CONVICTION ASSISTANCE CENTER, A LAW
21 FIRM DEDICATED TO HELPING VICTIMS OF POLICE ABUSE. IN HER LAW
22 CAREER SPANNING NEARLY 30 YEARS SHE WAS THE COUNSEL OF RECORD
23 ON MORE THAN 20 CAPITAL CASES, SHE REPRESENTED POTENTIAL
24 VICTIMS OF POLICE ABUSE IN THE L.A.P.D. RAMPART SCANDAL AND
25 WAS ALSO A LEADER IN THE DRIVE TO CURB PROSECUTORIAL EXCESSES



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1 SUCH AS USING CRIMINAL INFORMANTS, DESTROYING OLD CASE FILES
2 AND REFORMING THE MANNER IN WHICH GRAND JURORS ARE SELECTED.
3 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FORMER HUSBAND ANDREW M. STEIN AND HER
4 MANY FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. SECONDLY MAY I ASK THAT WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DENNIS O'SULLIVAN, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT
6 OF OUR DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG AND DIFFICULT
7 BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE WAS PAST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
8 PEOPLE IN PROGRESS, A SAN FERNANDO-BASED SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY
9 DEDICATED TO ASSISTING HOMELESS AND INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS
10 STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY. HE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HIS ADOPTED FAMILY AT PEOPLE AND PROGRESS AND BY
12 THOSE WHOSE LIVES HE TOUCHED. WITHOUT OBJECTION UNANIMOUS
13 VOTE. WHERE ARE WE PICKING UP? ON WHAT ITEM, SACHI?

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** STARTING WITH ITEM NUMBER 10.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO ITEM NUMBER 10, THOSE WERE JUST
20 ABSTENTIONS. WE'RE PAST ITEM NUMBER 10. ITEM NUMBER 12,
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS HOLDING.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME ASK THAT WE TAKE UP THE
24 SECOND READING ORDINANCE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WAS FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES WHO WAS THE MEMBER OF THE
4 PUBLIC?

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ARNOLD SACHS.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS ARNOLD SACHS HERE? HE IS? COME
9 ON, ARNOLD. AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, SPEAK TO 17, 19, 21 AND
10 22-A. THREE MINUTES. START THE CLOCK.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THIS IS GOVERNMENT IN DEMOCRACY. I BELIEVE 21 IS
13 THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE, BUT WHAT DO I KNOW HERE?
14 YOU'RE THE LEADER. SO LET'S SEE, YOU WANT ME TO SPEAK ON THESE
15 ITEMS. I HELD ITEM NUMBER 17 REGARDING THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND
16 I BELIEVE IT'S AN INTERIM POSITION AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT
17 BASED ON THE ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES FROM THE 19TH, THAT I
18 WOULD THROW A RECOMMENDATION OUT. A PROSECUTOR WHO WORKS FOR
19 THE COUNTY, HABIB BAILIAN, HE WAS PROSECUTOR IN A CASE IN
20 FRONT OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JARED MOSES. YOU MAY SAY, WELL,
21 WHY WOULD I THROW HIS NAME OUT? BECAUSE OF HIS ABILITY TO SEE
22 INTO THE FUTURE, BECAUSE THIS IS THE SAME HABIB BAILIAN I'M
23 ALMOST SURE WHO WAS THE INTERIM C.E.O. BACK IN 2004 OF THE LOS
24 ANGELES TO PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
25 SEVEN YEARS BEFORE IT WAS EVEN CONSIDERED. HOW ABOUT THAT? HE



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1 ALSO HAS HIS NAME ON THIS CORPORATE GRANT DEED THAT IS DATED
2 FROM 2007, A.K.A. HE SIGNED AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
3 METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, A.K.A. METRO GOLD LINE
4 FOOTHILL EXTENTSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. AGAIN, FOUR YEARS
5 BEFORE IT WAS EVEN CONSIDERED BECAUSE HERE'S STATE ASSEMBLY
6 BILL NUMBER 706 FROM OCTOBER 2011 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE
7 GOLD LINE FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AS A NAME. SO IF YOU
8 HAVE SOMEBODY WITH THAT ABILITY TO SEE INTO THE FUTURE, AND
9 WITH THE AMOUNTING COSTS THAT ARE INCURRED BY THE COUNTY WITH
10 ITS LEGAL FEES, HE COULD SEE THINGS HAPPENING LIKE "THE
11 MENTALIST." MAYBE HE CAN BE CONSIDERED AS A COUNTY BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS. YOU NEED SOMEBODY MENTALLY TOUGH HERE BECAUSE
13 OTHERWISE LOOK WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO DEAL WITH. THAT BEING
14 SAID, I ALSO HELD NUMBER 19-- ARE WE DOING 19? OR IS THAT A
15 HEARING? 19. SO I WAS WONDERING WHY ACOM, WHICH IS ALSO DIM
16 JIM, IS AUTHORIZED AGAIN TO RUN COUNTY BUSINESS. A HUNDRED
17 MILLION DOLLARS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.DOLLARS FOR DESIGN
18 AND 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTION? PART OF PHASE II? HOW
19 ABOUT DISCUSSING SOMETHING ABOUT THE COUNTY'S EARLY RELEASE
20 PROGRAM, YOU KNOW, THE HUNDRED AND WHAT IS IT NOW? OVER
21 150,000 THAT HAVE GOTTEN OUT EARLY? AND YOU WANT A REPORT BACK
22 FROM THE COUNSEL BY JUNE 30TH? YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE COMMITTEE
23 THAT YOU'RE HEARING ON JAIL THAT REPORT BACK SOONER THAN THAT-
24
25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH THANK YOU. DID YOU STOP THE CLOCK? YOU DID.
3 LOOK AT THAT. AMAZING. THAT'S A MIRACLE WORKER.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE HAVE 21 BEFORE US?

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. SO
11 THAT TAKES CARE OF MR. SACHS' ITEMS. IS HE THE ONLY ONE THAT
12 WAS GOING TO BE HEARD ON ITEMS--

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUST ON ITEM 21.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THEN THE OTHERS HAVE MULTIPLE
17 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD? DOES ANYONE ELSE WANT TO BE HEARD
18 ON 17?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WELL, ERIC PREVEN.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S TAKE UP MR.
23 PREVEN. MR. PREVEN, ARE YOU HERE? COME ON DOWN. YOU CAN
24 ADDRESS S-1, 12, 16, 17 AND 19.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** HELLO. I'M ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
2 DISTRICT 3. S-1 IS OF GREAT CONCERN. THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR
3 THEMSELVES. THE DANGEROUS OVERCROWDING, THE CATEGORY, HAS
4 INCREASED FROM 7.5 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER OF 2011 TO 35 PERCENT
5 NOW. WE NEED TO TAKE A VERY LONG LOOK. WE WERE ALL HERE WHEN
6 DR. KATZ WAS VIRTUALLY CORONATED FOR THE 300 MILLION DOLLARS
7 IN SAVINGS THAT HE FOUND SOME MONTHS AGO. PERHAPS THIS IS THE
8 COST BUT WE REALLY NEED TO GET INTO THIS. I DON'T KNOW, THERE
9 WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS ON THE HEALTH
10 DOCUMENTS. WE NEED MORE THAN THAT. I DON'T APPROVE, THAT SEEMS
11 LIKE A VERY BAD IDEA TO DO IT ONCE EVERY QUARTER AND ALLOW
12 THESE THINGS TO CONTINUE. ITEM NUMBER 17 IS THE PROPOSAL TO
13 HAVE JOHN KRATTLI WHO IS ON THE COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD TAKE OVER
14 FROM MS. ORDIN WHO WILL BE TAKING OFF ON FEBRUARY ONE. HE MAY
15 BE A VERY GOOD MAN. HE CERTAINLY IS LONG, TIRELESS COUNTY
16 VETERAN, BUT GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE ITEMS REGARDING COUNTY
17 RISK AND THE COST OF LITIGATION HAVE NOT YET BEEN HEARD, THIS
18 HAS TO BE VERY SHORT-TERM. WE NEED TO FIND SOMEBODY IN COUNTY
19 COUNSEL WHO IS GOING TO HELP CHANGE THE PARADIGM DOWN HERE AND
20 I DON'T THINK JOHN WOULD BE THE MAN FOR THAT, ESPECIALLY SINCE
21 HE'S THE GUY WHO WELL, ITEM 20 TODAY, WHICH IS JUST A DEAL FOR
22 340,000 DOLLARS FOR A TRIP AND FALL INCIDENT THAT THEY SETTLED
23 SOME TIME AGO, I HAVE A VERY HARD TIME FOLLOWING WHY CASES ARE
24 SETTLED ON DATE A, FOR EXAMPLE, LATE 2010, THEN MET ON MIDDLE
25 OF 2011 WITH THE SUPERVISORS AND THEN THAT IS ANNOUNCED, THE



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1 OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING, IN SOMETIMES LATE 2011. THIS IS
2 MADDENING FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE TRYING TO FOLLOW THE
3 BOUNCING BALL AND MR. KRATTLI WOULD CERTAINLY KNOW ABOUT THAT.
4 ITEM 16 IS HAS TO DO WITH I LIKE TO CALL IT CLASSIC PARKING.
5 THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT ARE HOSTING A LEGISLATIVE
6 CONFERENCE WITH I BELIEVE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE TEAM TO
7 TALK ABOUT THE HEADLINE IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE STATE COURT
8 SYSTEM. WELL, THAT DOES SOUND LIKE A GOOD IDEA BUT TO BE FAIR,
9 THIS IS A DEAL TO PICK UP THE PARKING FOR ALL OF THESE
10 ESTEEMED POLITICIANS WHEN YOU'VE HEARD MR. PREVEN SPEAK FROM
11 TIME TO TIME ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME DOWN HERE TO
12 TESTIFY AND WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN PARK IN THAT VERY SAME
13 FACILITY ACROSS THE STREET, THE MUSIC CENTER WHEN WE TESTIFY
14 AND THE RESPONSE IS ALWAYS, "YOUR TIME IS ALMOST UP, MR.
15 PREVEN" AND IT IS, SO I'LL STAY ON THAT, BUT I CERTAINLY FEEL
16 THAT THIS WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF YOU TO RECONSIDER
17 THAT PROPOSAL THAT I'VE MADE. THE LAST ITEM, AND SOMEONE MAY
18 NEED TO PROMPT ME BECAUSE OH, ITEM 12, DON'T WORRY, SUPERVISOR
19 KNABE, I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN, HAS TO DO WITH THE SOUTH BAY
20 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD. THIS IS AN ASTOUNDING ORGANIZATION
21 THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE IS PROPOSING THREE MILLION THROWN ONTO
22 THE PILE FOR THE JULY TO MARCH 12 PERIOD. GREAT. THEY DO
23 UNBELIEVABLE WORK. THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AND WHEN
24 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND PRESIDENT OBAMA AGREE, I THINK WE



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1 CERTAINLY ARE IN AN AREA THAT IS WORTH FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

2 MAY I FINISH, OR IS THAT IT?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU SAW THE CLOCK. YOU'VE BEEN
5 AROUND.

6

7 **ERIC PREVIN:** YOU'LL COME BACK FOR ITEM 19, I HOPE, BECAUSE
8 THAT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT ITEM. THAT ITEM IS NUMBER 17?

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, BUT 19 I'LL BE BACK.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEMS 16 AND 17 ARE BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEMS?

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON 16 AND 17. OKAY. LET'S
22 TAKE UP S-1.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT WILL BE A RECEIVE AND FILE BUT
25 THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL SPEAKER.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL. YOU HAVE THREE
3 MINUTES, 50 PERCENT MORE THAN YOU DID UNDER THE OLD REGIME.
4 GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. CLAVREUL.

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
7 ANYWAY, JUST FOR THE RECORD, SINCE WE DO NOT GET ANY MORE
8 REPORT ANYWAY, JUST TO POINT OUT A COUPLE OF ISSUES, IT'S
9 AMAZING THAT DR. KATZ COMPARE ANOTHER NURSE THE NERVE TO SAY
10 "THE DANGEROUS OVERCROWDING LEVEL COMPILATION FOR THIS PERIOD
11 WAS 7.5 COMPARED TO 5.1 IN OCTOBER OFFSET BY A DECREASE OF THE
12 SEVERELY OVERCROWDED." I DON'T KNOW HOW HE CAN COMPARE.
13 "SEVERELY OVERCROWDED" WITH "DANGEROUSLY OVERCROWDING". IT'S
14 LIKE COMPARING APPLES AND ORANGES. I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE WENT
15 TO MEDICAL SCHOOL, BUT IT'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
16 DANGEROUSLY OVERCROWDED AND SEVERELY OVERCROWDED, AND YOU JUST
17 CANNOT OFFSET ONE WITH THE OTHER, AND THAT IS VERY SCARY THAT
18 HE HAS THE NERVE TO EVEN PUT THAT IN WRITING AND PEOPLE THINK
19 WE ARE SO STUPID, WE CANNOT DIFFERENTIATE. THAT IS VERY, VERY
20 SCARY. YOU KNOW, A LENGTH OF STAY IS STILL 6.2 IT'S VERY, VERY
21 HIGH AND, OF COURSE, SINCE WE CANNOT GET ANY REPORT FROM THEM
22 FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS, YOU THE SUPERVISOR PROBABLY DON'T
23 EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, AND LIKE I SAID, TO SAY WE HAVE
24 EVEN THE NERVE TO COMPARE THE TWO AND TO PUT IT IN BLACK AND
25 WHITE AND THINKING WE ARE STUPID ENOUGH TO THINK THAT



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1 SOMETHING YOU HAVE GOT TO ACCEPT IS SCARY, ABSOLUTELY SCARY,
2 AND WE STILL DON'T HAVE THE REPORT OF WHAT IS DOING ON THE
3 STAFFING PATTERN, WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH
4 THAT 36 MILLION YOU HAVE APPROVED, WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HE
5 IS DOING WITH THE CLINICAL NURSE ASSISTANTS, WE STILL DON'T
6 KNOW WHAT HE IS DOING WITH THE BUDGET AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK
7 WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMAND WHAT HE'S DOING ABOUT IT, AND ME
8 AS A CITIZEN, I DEMAND IT, AND IT HAS BEEN SIX MONTHS, I WANT
9 IT, I WANT A REPORT, AND I DEMAND IT, AND I THINK I HAVE THE
10 RIGHT TO EXPECT IT, AND I THINK FOR HIM TO PUT IN WRITING THAT
11 HE CAN OFFSET THE SEVERELY OVERCROWDED WITH DANGEROUSLY
12 OVERCROWDED IS AN INSULT TO OUR INTELLIGENCE, IS AN INSULT TO
13 THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND _____ FOR YOUR READING.
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. IS THERE
17 ANYBODY WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD ON ITEM S-1? IT'S A RECEIVE AND
18 FILE ITEM. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED.
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE, ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I HAVE A
22 COUPLE OF ADJOURNMENTS, FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
23 MEMORY OF MARY HAWKINS, G.O.P. MATRIARCH OF THE SAN FERNANDO
24 VALLEY WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 18TH AT THE AGE OF 97. SHE
25 WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF



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1 REPUBLICAN WOMEN, WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE WEST VALLEY
2 REPUBLICAN CLUB. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON JIM, THREE
3 GRANDCHILDREN AND EIGHT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
4 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LLOYD OLSON, RESIDENT, LONG-TIME
5 RESIDENT OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES WHO PASSED AWAY JUST SHORT OF
6 HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY. HE WAS A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, WAS AN
7 ENSIGN AFTER GRADUATING FROM OFFICER'S CANDIDATE SCHOOL AT
8 NOTRE DAME. HIS COMPANY, CRENSHAW LUMBER COMPANY EXPANDED FROM
9 HAWTHORNE TO GARDENA. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY,
10 BECAME A MEMBER OF THE Y.M.C.A. BOARD OF MANAGERS. HE WAS A
11 RECIPIENT OF THE GARDENA-CARSON FAMILY Y.M.C.A. GOLDEN
12 TRIANGLE AWARD IN 1975 AND IS PROUDLY LISTED IN THE GOLDEN
13 BOOK OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BETH
14 AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE
15 FAMILY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T BELIEVE I'M HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE NOT.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT? OH, I'M NOT.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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SUP. ANTONOVICH: I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
DR. CLYDE SMYTH WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80 YESTERDAY
AFTER A MASSIVE STROKE. HE WAS A LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF OUR
COUNTY, A 40-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE SAN CLARITA VALLEY WHERE HE
SERVED ALSO HIS COUNTRY DURING THE KOREAN WAR WITH THE UNITED
STATES ARMY. HE WAS 18 YEARS AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WILLIAM
S. HART UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, HE WAS AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF
THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING AS A COUNCILMAN AND A MAYOR. HE WAS
THE SANTA CLARITA MAN OF THE YEAR, HE ALSO WAS INVOLVED WITH
THE HENRY MAYO NEWHALL HOSPITAL IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE SUE AND HIS TWO SONS,
COLONEL COLIN SMYTH AND CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYMAN CAMERON
SMYTH AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN.

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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: ALL MEMBERS.

17

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I ALSO MOVE IN MEMORY OF A VERY GOOD FRIEND,
DEAR FRIEND, JOHNNIE OTIS WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE
WAS A TRAILBLAZER AND ICON IN AMERICAN MUSIC, HAVING WORKED
TOGETHER ON CONSERVATION RECYCLING EFFORTS IN THE 80S JOHNNY
AND I DEVELOPED THE "RED BEANS AND RICE" MUSIC FESTIVAL AT
BONELLI PARK IN SAN DIMAS WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO BRING RAY
CHARLES, LITTLE RICHARD ALONG WITH BO DIDDLY, THE RIGHTEOUS
BROTHERS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER OUTSTANDING SINGERS. HE ALSO



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1 STARTED THE CAREERS OF ARTISTS ETTA JAMES, AND HANK BALLARD,
2 AND JACKIE WILSON. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PHYLLIS AND
3 THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE
4 RHYTHM AND BLUES HALL OF FAME IN 1994 AS THE GODFATHER OF
5 RHYTHM AND BLUES. MARY HAWKINS WHO SUPERVISOR KNABE JUST
6 MENTIONED PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME
7 ANCHOR OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY'S REPUBLICAN PARTY VOLUNTEER
8 ORGANIZATIONS. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 41ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
9 CENTRAL COMMITTEE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON JIM AND HER
10 THREE CHILDREN AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. GERALD "JOE" ENGER, HE
11 SERVED AS CAPTAIN OF THE MIRA LOMA DETENTION CENTER AND HE WAS
12 ALSO A MEMBER RETIRED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT. JOE FASANA, HE WAS A FIRE FIGHTER PARAMEDIC FOR
14 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, HE SERVED AS LIEUTENANT WITH THE
15 SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT RESERVES WHERE I SERVED WITH
16 JOE. IN 1981 HE BECAME THE FIRST CHIEF PARAMEDIC OF THE LOS
17 ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HE WAS THE FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY
18 OF WACO, TEXAS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LOUISE AND HIS
19 MOTHER AND SISTER. MARILYN DUNTON SIMPSON, SERVED ON THE BOARD
20 OF LETTERS ARTS AND SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY SOUTHERN
21 CALIFORNIA, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AT PEPPERDINE
22 UNIVERSITY. JUDY WRIGHT, SHE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS MISS
23 CLAREMONT. SHE WAS THE FORMER MAYOR OF CLAREMONT, SERVED MORE
24 THAN A DECADE ON THEIR CITY COUNCIL AND WAS ALSO THE
25 UNOFFICIAL HISTORIAN OF CLAREMONT, WRITING TWO BOOKS ON THAT



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1 TOWN. DONALD KAMMER, RETIRED CAPTAIN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO PASSED AWAY. SARA MARIE NEVELS
3 MOTHER-IN-LAW OF LISA GARRETT OUR DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
4 AND HER HUSBAND WAS THE LATE PASTOR JOSEPH NEVELS OF 56 YEARS.
5 SHE WAS THE CHURCH MUSICIAN FOR DECADES.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LOIS LEDFORD LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF
10 PALMDALE. SHE LEAVES HER SON, THE MAYOR OF PALMDALE JIM
11 LEDFORD AND PAMELA DAVID AND JENNIFER. EDGAR PIERCE, VICE
12 PRESIDENT WADE ADVERTISING IN HOLLYWOOD, HE WAS THE DIRECTOR
13 OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES AND
14 DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS CAL POLY UNIVERSITY. THERESA "TERRI"
15 HOWARTH, SHE WAS 20-YEAR TEACHING CAREER AT SAN DIMAS HIGH
16 SCHOOL, INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING THE SCHOOL'S FUTURE
17 BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA. MATTIE SCHWEITZER, SHE WAS ACTIVE
18 WITH THE FRIENDS OF ANTELOPE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER AND LONG-
19 TIME RESIDENT ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND ROBIN BRANCA SERVED IN THE
20 VIETNAM WAR AND A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY NATIONAL
21 GUARD. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 12 I JUST WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THAT THE
2 COUNTY DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO ENSURE THAT THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES PRIORITIZES THE
4 T.S.E. SERVICES TO FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WHO ARE PARENTS
5 CURRENTLY RECEIVING CALWORKS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AS AMENDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
8 ANTONOVICH MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
9 VOTE ON ITEM 12. HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE? WE'RE TAKING UP 19
10 LATER. LET'S TAKE UP ITEM 22-A. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?
11 MIKE, YOU'RE HOLDING ITEM 22-A? IT'S NOT REALIGNMENT, IT'S THE
12 GOVERNOR'S BALLOT INITIATIVE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THE PROPOSAL THAT IS BEFORE US IS TO
15 TAKE A POSITION IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED TAX
16 INCREASE FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THE PROBLEM I HAVE IS THAT
17 THE NEW BUDGET THAT THE GOVERNOR IS PROPOSING HAS A BUILT-IN
18 SEVEN BILLION DOLLAR INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS LAST YEAR'S
19 BUDGET AND ONCE AGAIN INSTEAD OF GETTING A NEW HORSE, HE'S
20 PUTTING A NEW SADDLE ON A DEAD HORSE. WE HAVE SO MANY
21 STRUCTURAL REFORMS NEEDED AT THE STATE LEVEL THAT THE COUNTY
22 OF LOS ANGELES HAS TAKEN, ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER
23 MUNICIPALITIES TO REALIGN OUR BUDGET WITH THE FISCAL REALITIES
24 THAT WE HAVE, YET THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN TONE DEAF ON THOSE
25 ISSUES THAT ARE VERY COMMON SENSE. FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE STATE



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1 UNIVERSITY LEVEL, THEY HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF
2 ADMINISTRATORS SO THERE ARE NOW MORE ADMINISTRATORS THAN
3 COLLEGE PROFESSORS IN THE CLASSROOM, WHICH RESULTS IN LESS
4 CLASSES FOR THE STUDENTS AND HIGHER TUITION FEES. THEY SHOULD
5 MAKE A REFORM TO ENSURE THAT IN OUR TEACHING INSTITUTIONS WE
6 HAVE MORE CLASSROOM TEACHERS, PROFESSORS THAN ADMINISTRATORS
7 FOR THOSE FACILITIES. THE CONSOLIDATING THE FRANCHISE TAX
8 BOARD WITH THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION WOULD SAVE 100 BILLION
9 DOLLARS ANNUALLY, CONSOLIDATING MEDI-CAL, CALWORKS AND FOOD
10 STAMPS WOULD SAVE FOUR BILLION DOLLARS INCLUDING ONE-POINT-
11 FIVE BILLION IN STATE GENERAL FUNDS OVER FIVE YEARS. IF YOU
12 HAD VEHICLE REGISTRATION EVERY TWO YEARS, THAT WOULD SAVE ONE-
13 POINT-TWO BILLION DOLLARS. IF YOU WOULD HAVE THE RENEWAL
14 DRIVER'S LICENSE THROUGH THE INTERNET, THAT SAVES OVER ONE
15 MILLION DOLLARS. CONSOLIDATING LICENSING CERTIFICATION FOR
16 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND FACILITIES SAVES 66 BILLION
17 DOLLARS, AND SO YOU COULD HAVE A NUMBER OF MULTI-MILLION
18 DOLLARS GOING INTO THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SAVINGS IF THE
19 GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE WOULD INITIATE THOSE TYPES OF
20 REFORMS INSTEAD OF RELYING UPON MORE TAXES, HIGHER TAXES.
21 CALIFORNIA ALREADY HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST SALES AND INCOME
22 TAXES IN THE NATION AND AT A TIME WHEN OTHER GOVERNORS ARE
23 REFORMING THEIR LEGISLATURES-- I SHOULD SAY THEIR LEGISLATURES
24 ARE REFORMING THEIR STATES' FISCAL REALITIES, WE ARE TAKING
25 THE OPPOSITE TURN BY INCREASING THOSE TAXES WHICH IS GOING TO



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1 FURTHER SEND JOBS OUT OF CALIFORNIA INSTEAD OF CREATING JOBS
2 IN CALIFORNIA. SO THE REASON I WOULD OPPOSE THE GOVERNOR'S
3 INITIATIVE AND WHOLLY SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS TO REFORM HIS SYSTEM
4 BY CONSOLIDATING RESTRUCTURAL REFORMS, THEY NEED A TWO-YEAR
5 BUDGET, THEY NEED A PART-TIME LEGISLATURE WOULD SAVE MONEY,
6 THEY NEED TO REFORM THEIR CIVIL SERVICE AS THE COUNTY OF LOS
7 ANGELES HAS DONE. THERE ARE JUST A NUMBER OF SAVINGS THAT YOU
8 COULD DO. YOU HAVE TWO DOCTORS RIGHT NOW IN THE PRISON SYSTEM
9 WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PATIENT DEATHS AND THEY ARE MAKING
10 OVER COMBINED SALARIES OF OVER 600,000 DOLLARS TO SORT THE
11 MAIL AND GO THROUGH STORAGE FILES. AGAIN THEY NEED TO REFORM
12 THE SYSTEM SO THAT THE DOLLARS THAT WE DO HAVE GO FOR THE
13 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND THEN THE PROGRAMS THAT HE HAS, HE'S
14 CUTTING THE SERVICES, NOT THE BUREAUCRACY THAT DELIVERS THOSE
15 SERVICES AND AGAIN, PITTING GROUPS AGAINST GROUPS IS NOT THE
16 WAY OF HAVING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INTEGRITY AT THE STATE
17 LEVEL, SO THE GOVERNOR NEEDS TO HAVE STRUCTURAL REFORMS TO
18 HAVE THE NECESSARY REDUCTIONS SO THAT WE CAN MEET OUR NEEDS
19 AND MANDATES THAT THE STATE HAS FOISTED UPON LOCAL
20 GOVERNMENTS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, NO SECRET TO
25 ANY OF US THAT WE HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEM. IT HAS BEEN



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1 CALLED OUT SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WITH
2 RESPECT TO REALIGNMENT THAT WE HAVE COLLECTIVELY FELT PUT UPON
3 AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, WE HAVE SAID THE
4 GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATURE HAS TO COME FORTH WITH THE WAY TO
5 MAKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHOLE OTHERWISE, THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES IN PARTICULAR WILL BE LEFT HOLDING THE BAG, AS IT
7 WERE, FOR OVER A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TO CURE THE NEW
8 RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC SAFETY. NOW,
9 BLUNTLY STATED, IT'S TIME TO PUT UP OR SHUT UP. WE CAN'T ON
10 THE ONE HAND SAY THAT THE GOVERNOR PROMISED US THAT HE WOULD
11 COVER THE OUT YEARS AND THEN WHEN A PROPOSAL COMES FORWARD,
12 TRY TO FIND EVERY SINGLE REASON UNDER THE SUN TO AVOID CURING
13 THE PROBLEM UNLESS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER PROPOSITION
14 THAT IS OFFERED. ONE OF THE REASONS I'M INTERESTED IN LOCAL
15 GOVERNMENT IS BECAUSE OF NONPARTISAN PURSUIT THAT DEFINES
16 LOCAL GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOT BY DEFINITION IDEOLOGICAL BUT IN
17 FACT PRACTICAL, SO WE WORK ON ISSUES AND WE GET TO THE BOTTOM
18 LINE IN TERMS OF RESULTS ORIENTED POLICY MAKING. SO ALL THE
19 RHETORIC THAT COULD EASILY SURROUND THIS WON'T DO MUCH GOOD.
20 THE FACTS ARE WHAT THEY ARE. WE WILL HAVE A RUDE AWAKENING
21 THAT WILL CAUSE US TO TURN BACK ON OUR COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN
22 A HEALTHY WORKFORCE. WE MAKE STATEMENTS WITH REGULARITY ABOUT
23 OUR PRIDE AND BEING ABLE TO HANDLE OUR BUSINESS AND MANAGE OUR
24 RESOURCES PRUDENTLY AND CONSIDER THIS CONSISTENT WITH THE
25 PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. IT HAS FIDUCIARY



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1 IMPLICATIONS. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IT MEANS IF WE DON'T DO
2 SOMETHING, WE KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ENGAGE IN THAT
3 WHICH WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED, NAMELY LAYOFFS AND THE
4 LIKE. THEREFORE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT OUR OPTIONS ARE
5 RELATIVELY LIMITED AND WE CAN BEMOAN THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO
6 MOVE FORWARD WITH THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, BUT IN THE FINAL
7 ANALYSIS THE QUESTION NEEDS TO BE ANSWERED WHAT ALTERNATIVES
8 DO WE HAVE, AND TO THE QUESTION ABOUT BLOATED BUREAUCRACIES
9 AND THE LIKE, THE DATA WILL SUPPORT, IF YOU LOOK AT THE TRENDS
10 OVER THE HISTORY OF THE SIZE OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE LIKE,
11 IT HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY DOWN-SIZED. SOME OF US KNOW THAT
12 HAVING AS A RESULT OF HAVING SERVED THERE WE CUT TO THE BONE.
13 IF YOU WANT TO LOOK AT EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY HIGHER
14 EDUCATION, CLEAR EXAMPLES. YOU SEE JUST AS ONE ISSUE TAKING
15 BILLION-DOLLAR HITS IN THE SEQUENCE OF ONE FISCAL YEAR AND ALL
16 OF WHAT THAT MEANS, THE VERY THINGS THAT HAVE MADE CALIFORNIA
17 DISTINCTIVE, MADE IT STRONG AND MADE IT A CONTRIBUTOR TO WORLD
18 ECONOMY OR AT RISK. THERE IS NO WAY TO AVOID INCREASE IN
19 REVENUE SCENARIOS. IT IS NOT ONE OR THE OTHER. IT'S NOT A
20 QUESTION OF THIS PROPOSAL AND NOTHING ELSE. YOU KNOW THAT
21 THERE HAS BEEN AN AGENDA TO DOWNSIZE BUT THAT HAS ENJOYED
22 LEGISLATIVE AS WELL AS EXECUTIVE SUPPORT, AND I THINK IT IS
23 TIME FOR US TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY, THAT WHICH IS REQUIRED TO
24 AVOID MORE PAIN AND SUFFERING THAN HAS ALREADY BEEN
25 EXPERIENCED. BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF



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1 DOWNSIZING IN THIS ENVIRONMENT SPECIFICALLY AND THE RIPPLING
2 EFFECTS THAT IT WILL HAVE IN TERMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE
3 LIKE. WE NEED TO DO WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THAT AND THAT IS TO
4 ACT RESPONSIBLY. IT'S FOR THAT REASON THAT I PUT THIS MOTION
5 BEFORE US WITH THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF DOING WHAT IS REQUIRED
6 OF US, NAMELY SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, AND I WOULD SO
7 MOVE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THERE'S A MOTION AND
10 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?
11 IF NOT, ANYBODY IN THE PUBLIC WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?
12 WE HAVE NONE. SO CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AYE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION CARRIES.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ANY OTHER
12 ITEMS YOU'RE HOLDING? OKAY. BEFORE WE DO THAT, I WANT TO MAKE
13 A MOTION, EMERGENCY MOTION TO TAKE UP AN ITEM THAT CAME TO OUR
14 ATTENTION, ACTUALLY, AFTER THIS MEETING STARTED. I UNDERSTAND
15 THAT THE SHERIFF HAS SENT A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR'S
16 ADMINISTRATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SUPPORTING SB-659
17 AND THE PADILLA BILL TO EXTEND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE
18 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES FROM FEBRUARY 1ST TO APRIL 15TH. I
19 THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE BOARD GET ITS POSITION ON THE
20 RECORD ON THIS TODAY BECAUSE THERE WILL BE CONFUSION ABOUT
21 THIS AS TO WHETHER THE SHERIFF IS SPEAKING FOR THE COUNTY, SO
22 I WANT TO MOVE THAT WE TAKE THE ITEM UP AS AN URGENCY ITEM. IF
23 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL TAKE IT UP, AND
24 I WILL MOVE THAT WE TAKE A POSITION TO OPPOSE THE PADILLA BILL
25 AND MAKE SURE THAT MR. FUJIOKA AND AND YOUR STAFF AND THE



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1 COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVES IN SACRAMENTO ACTIVELY COMMUNICATE
2 THAT POSITION TO ALL OF THE LEGISLATORS AND THE GOVERNOR'S
3 OFFICE. MR. KNABE?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I WOULD SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO YOUR MOTION.
6 I, FOR ONE, I MEAN, WE'RE TRYING TO FIGHT THROUGH THE DETAILS
7 AND DEADLINES THAT ARE JUST DAYS FROM BEING HERE AND BEING ON
8 TOP OF IT. THE ISSUES ARE STILL TO BE DETERMINED, OBVIOUSLY
9 THERE'S POTENTIAL LITIGATION DOWN THE ROAD AS WELL, TOO. I
10 THINK THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE IN WORKING WITH OUR
11 CITIES AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A POTENTIAL OVERSEER, I'VE
12 GOT 17 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN MY DISTRICT, I DO THINK WE
13 NEED MORE TIME AND SO I WOULD NOT SUPPORT YOUR MOTION.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I UNDERSTAND. ANY OTHER
16 DISCUSSION? MS. MOLINA?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT, AGAIN, THE REDEVELOPMENT ISSUE IS
19 NOT A MATTER OF MORE TIME. I THINK WE NEED TO QUICKLY CATCH UP
20 AND GET TO WORK ON THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. WHEN I
21 STARTED LOOKING AT THE LIST OF TAX INCREMENTS THAT THESE
22 CITIES ARE KEEPING, IT'S JUST AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF DOLLARS.
23 THE CITY OF INDUSTRY ALONE HAS 90 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WOULD
24 BE COMING INTO OUR FUND. IS IT 30 MILLION A YEAR? IS IT 30
25 MILLION A YEAR? ANYWAY, EVERY SINGLE YEAR THAT IS BEING KEPT



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1 IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY AND WHEN I LOOK AT THE KIND OF
2 DEVELOPMENT THAT IS GOING ON OUT THERE, IT JUST DOESN'T MERIT
3 THAT AT ALL. WE'RE LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS NOW FOR THE CITY OF
4 L.A. AND THEN WHEN I LOOK AT SHERIFF LEE BACA'S LETTER AND
5 HE'S SAYING I'M GOING TO LOSE 27 MILLION DOLLARS, THEY'RE NOT
6 SUPPOSED TO BE SPENDING REDEVELOPMENT DOLLARS FOR SHERIFF'S
7 CONTRACTS. THAT IS AGAINST THE LAW. AND SO I THINK THERE'S A
8 LOT OF MISINTERPRETATIONS GOING ON HERE AND THE ONES THAT ARE
9 AT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM ARE THE CITIES THAT ARE NOW, OF
10 COURSE, HAVING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH
11 THIS SITUATION WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN-- THERE ARE SOME CITIES
12 THAT I KNOW THAT HAVE BEEN PASSING ON THE COST OF THEIR CITY
13 MANAGER, THEIR CITY ATTORNEY AND ALL OF IT ONTO THIS, AND OF
14 COURSE, THEY HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE THEM
15 WHOLE IF THEY'RE GOING TO KEEP UP BECAUSE OF THE ELABORATE
16 SALARIES, SO I THINK AGAIN WE CAN ALWAYS ASK FOR MORE TIME AND
17 MORE TIME IS ONLY JUST GOING TO DELAY THE INEVITABLE. WE NEED
18 TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND START WORKING. YES, THERE'S A LOT
19 OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, BUT IF YOU DON'T START TODAY, THE
20 TIME LINES ARE VERY, VERY AGGRESSIVE, BUT THEY'RE IMPORTANT,
21 AGGRESSIVE TIME LINES THAT WE NEED TO GET THERE. THERE'S SO
22 MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AND IN SO MANY THINGS THAT WE NEED
23 TO DO THAT I THINK WE NEED TO STAY THE COURSE. IT IS A MAJOR
24 WINDFALL FOR THE STATE AND A MAJOR WINDFALL FOR L.A. COUNTY
25 AND AS WELL AS OUR SCHOOLS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT IF WE CONTINUE



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1 ON THIS TRACK AS WELL, AND I KNOW WHAT THE LEGISLATURE WILL
2 DO, IS THAT SOMEHOW THEY'LL MAKE US ACCOUNTABLE FOR MORE ITEMS
3 THAT NORMALLY THEY ARE FUNDING UNDER THEIR STATE BUDGET, BUT
4 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE TAX INCREMENT DOLLARS THAT THESE CITIES
5 ARE HOLDING AND SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE BEING RAISED,
6 IT'S TOUGH FOR THESE CITIES. THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE IT,
7 AND HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP AS AN OVERSIGHT
8 COMMITTEE AS TO HOW WE WORK THROUGH SOME OF THESE ISSUES, BUT
9 JUST ASKING FOR MORE TIME IS NOT A REASONABLE REQUEST WITHOUT
10 A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WE NEED TO GET THESE AUDITED, WE NEED
11 TO GET THESE NUMBERS, WE NEED TO GET ANSWERS TO MANY OF THE
12 QUESTIONS THAT WE ARE ASKING, BUT MORE TIME IS ONLY GOING TO
13 CREATE MORE PROBLEMS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I DIDN'T ADVOCATE IN MY COMMENTS THAT I WANTED
16 MORE TIME TO NOT DO ANYTHING. I AGREE WITH YOU, WE NEED TO GET
17 ON TOP OF IT, BE AGGRESSIVE, CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO
18 AND MOVE FORWARD, SO I DON'T NEED YOU PUTTING WORDS IN MY
19 MOUTH.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NO OTHER DISCUSSION? CALL
22 THE ROLL.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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11 **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?**

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13 **>>SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AYE.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION CARRIES.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, ALL RIGHT, THE NEXT

22 ITEM IS ITEM 19?

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO I'LL ASK MR. FUJIOKA TO GIVE US
2 A REPORT ON HIS BOARD LETTER. HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE REQUESTED
3 TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM FROM THE PUBLIC?

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I BELIEVE THAT THERE'S BEEN 75 SPEAKERS. [
6 APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. HANG ON. FIRST THING
9 YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW IS PLAY BY THE RULES. WE HAVE NO APPLAUSE
10 IN THE BOARD ROOM. IF YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, JUST
11 RAISE YOUR HANDS AND WE'LL GET THE MESSAGE. I'LL EXERCISE MY
12 DISCRETION, WE'LL HAVE ONE MINUTE EACH PER PERSON. THAT WILL
13 TAKE US SOMEWHERE BETWEEN AN HOUR AND ONE-QUARTER, AN HOUR AND
14 ONE-HALF OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY AFTER WE GET THE STAFF REPORT AND
15 MR. FUJIOKA, YOU'RE ON.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE STAFF FROM OUR
18 OFFICE AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS COMING UP TO JOIN US
19 BUT I WANT TO ASK JAN TO GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW AND THEN I'M
20 GOING TO ALSO CHIME IN AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME BUT I'M GOING
21 TO HAVE JAN START THIS AND THEN WE'LL MOVE FORWARD.

22

23 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD, JAN.

24



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1 **JAN TAKATA:** YES. WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING IS TO LOOK AT THE JAIL
2 PLANS THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON OVER THE YEARS, STEP BACK AND
3 TAKE A MORE SYSTEMATIC, SYSTEM-WIDE REVIEW, TAKING INTO
4 CONSIDERATION SEVERAL FACTORS THAT HAVE RISEN IN ATTENTION
5 NAMELY THE FOCUS ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AS A MEANS
6 TO BETTER MANAGE JAIL POPULATIONS, REDUCE JAIL POPULATIONS.
7 THE JAIL COMMISSION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AB-109 AND THE
8 PUBLIC SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT PROGRAM, ALL THESE FACTORS COULD
9 HAVE A POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE JAIL POPULATION BOTH IN TERMS
10 OF SIZE, NUMBER AND COMPOSITION. WHAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING IS
11 THAT WE STEP BACK, REVIEW THESE OTHER FACTORS, INCORPORATE
12 THEM INTO A SERIES OF OPTIONS WHICH WE WOULD BRING BACK TO
13 YOUR BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OR PRIOR
14 TO JUNE 30TH. WE DO HAVE ONE ACTION ITEM, WHICH IS YOUR
15 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER AB-900 THIS
16 IS THE PHASE II AB-900 GRANT. WE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR 100 MILLION
17 FOR JAIL CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES. YOUR BOARD'S RESOLUTION IS
18 RECOMMENDED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE ELIGIBILITY. IT IS NOT AN
19 IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENT BY YOUR BOARD. IT IS MERELY TO MAINTAIN
20 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GRANT. BUT WE DO REQUEST YOUR BOARD'S
21 APPROVAL OF THAT OR ADOPTION OF THAT RESOLUTION. OTHER THAN
22 THAT, AGAIN THE MAIN ATTENTION IS TO PREPARE OPTIONS, TAKING
23 INTO CONSIDERATION THESE OTHER FACTORS THAT HAVE ARISEN. WE'LL
24 BE LOOKING AT BRINGING OPTIONS THAT CONSIDER ALL THE SYSTEMS,
25 JAIL SYSTEM SITES, LOCATIONS, CONFIGURATIONS, THE EXISTING



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1 FACILITIES AND THEIR CONDITION, POSSIBLE NEW FACILITIES THAT
2 COULD BEST MEET PROJECTED JAIL POPULATIONS AND JAIL
3 CLASSIFICATIONS. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT ALL OPTIONS,
4 PROGRAMMATIC AS WELL AS CAPITAL, AND INCLUDING ALL DELIVERY
5 METHODS THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY ASCERTAIN.

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7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I COULD ADD A COUPLE OF COMMENTS, AS JAN
8 MENTIONED, A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OR INITIATIVES HAVE
9 POPPED UP SINCE WE STARTED WORKING ON THIS PLAN AND WE HAVE
10 BEEN WORKING ON THIS PLAN FOR QUITE SOME TIME. SPECIFICALLY,
11 WE HAVE IMPLEMENTATION THE STATE'S PUBLIC SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT
12 PROGRAM THAT HAS PLACED A HEAVY BURDEN ON OUR PUBLIC SAFETY
13 PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY OUR JAIL SYSTEM. WE ALSO HAVE THE ACTION
14 TAKEN BY OUR BOARD TO CONVENE A JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION AS
15 PART OF THAT EFFORT. THE COMMISSION IS LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES
16 TO INCARCERATION. AND ALSO AS PART OF THAT, THE SHERIFF HAS
17 BROUGHT IN AN EXTRA HIMSELF TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES TO
18 INCARCERATION. HE'S PRESENTLY WORKING WITH SHERIFF'S STAFF. SO
19 IN LIGHT OF SOME OF THESE CHANGES, WE DECIDED IT WAS PRUDENT
20 TO STEP BACK RIGHT NOW, LOOK AT OPTIONS, BUT STILL PRESERVE
21 CRITICAL STATE FUNDING IN THE EVENT WE DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD
22 FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THESE OPTIONS. WE'RE LOOKING AT AN
23 EXPANDING JAIL POPULATION. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT WHAT WE SEND
24 FORWARD COMPLIES WITH FACILITY AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
25 MANDATED BY THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT. WE NEED TO DEVELOP A



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1 CONSTRUCTION PLAN THAT WILL ENHANCE INMATES' SECURITY,
2 SUPERVISION AND SAFETY, AND, FRANKLY, WE HAVE A CENTRAL JAIL
3 THAT IS AT LEAST THE 1960S SIDE AND THE 1970S SIDE OF MEN'S
4 CENTRAL JAIL IS A VERY, VERY OLD FACILITY THAT HAS EXTREMELY
5 HIGH MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING COSTS AND EQUALLY HIGH STAFFING
6 COSTS THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS. AND THEN WE ALSO WANT TO REDUCE
7 ONGOING JAIL OPERATING COSTS AND INSURE WE MEET THE STATE
8 CORRECTIONAL STANDARDS AUTHORITY FOR DESIGN REQUIREMENTS. THIS
9 IS A VERY, VERY COMPLEX PROCESS. I KNOW WE'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR
10 SOMETIME. TODAY WE'RE NOT RECOMMENDING OUR PREVIOUS PLAN OF
11 ONE-POINT-FOUR BILLION. I WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY, VERY CLEAR.
12 I KNOW THAT THERE'S A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE
13 WHO WILL SPEAK TO THE NEED TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES TO
14 INCARCERATION AND LOOK AT ALL THE OPTIONS POSSIBLE AS WE DEAL
15 WITH OUR JAIL POPULATION. AND THAT'S, IN FACT, WHAT WE'RE
16 GOING TO DO. ANY QUESTIONS? OR SHOULD WE MOVE ON?

17

18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AT THIS POINT I THINK WE SHOULD
19 MOVE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING UNLESS THERE ARE COMMENTS THAT WANT
20 TO BE MADE. I'D LIKE TO JUST MAKE A COMMENT AND THEN I'LL
21 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUP. KNABE: I'D LIKE TO PUT A
22 MOTION IN.

23

24 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JUST TO SET THE TONE FOR THIS. WHEN
25 ALL OF THIS STARTED, WHAT WE WERE FACED WITH WAS AN OPTION



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1 THAT HAD BEEN PROPOSED FOR A ONE POINT-FOUR BILLION DOLLAR
2 PROJECT TO REPLACE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND IT WAS EITHER
3 THAT OR NOTHING. I WANT TO COMMEND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE FOR
4 HEARING US OUT, THAT WE WANTED MORE THAN AN ALL-OR-NOTHING
5 PROPOSITION. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE. I AM NOT GOING
6 TO SUPPORT A ONE-POINT-FOUR BILLION DOLLAR BOND TO BUILD A NEW
7 JAIL THAT DOESN'T PRODUCE ANY BEDS. [APPLAUSE.] I JUST THINK
8 IT'S IRRATIONAL AND UNNECESSARY. AND THERE ARE ENOUGH
9 CONSULTANTS RIGHT NOW WORKING ON THIS, THE SHERIFF HAS ONE, WE
10 HAD ONE, WE HAVE THAT REPORT. THE VERA REPORT. WE NOW HAVE THE
11 JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION, WHICH I AM CERTAIN IS GOING TO
12 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE CONDITION OF THE JAILS IN SOME
13 FASHION. WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY HERE TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES
14 TO SPENDING CLOSE TO A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS ON THIS KIND
15 OF AN UNDERTAKING. MONEY THAT, FRANKLY, WE CAN'T AFFORD. AND I
16 THINK THE WAY YOU STRUCTURED THIS REPORT, I WOULDN'T, IF I HAD
17 WRITTEN IT, I MIGHT HAVE CHANGED A FEW WORDS, BUT I THINK YOU
18 HAVE RESPONDED TO MY CONCERNS FOR THE TIME BEING. AND I'M
19 TRUSTING YOU GUYS IN THE STAFF THAT YOU'RE GOING TO REALLY
20 LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES. AND I THINK YOU'RE POSITIONED TO DO
21 THAT. WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR VARIOUS OPTIONS TO
22 THE ONE THAT WE ORIGINALLY HAD EXCLUSIVELY WHICH WAS THE ONE-
23 POINT-FOUR BILLION PROPOSITION. THE THING THAT HAS DRIVEN ME
24 UP THE WALL ABOUT THIS IS THAT SINCE THE IDEA, JAN, YOU'VE



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1 BEEN WORKING ON THIS A LONG TIME, YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT
2 SINCE BEFORE RE-ALIGNMENT. WHICH IS A LONG TIME.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIVE YEARS.

5

6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHAT BOTHERS ME ABOUT ALL OF
7 THE DISCUSSION IS THAT SUDDENLY RE-ALIGNMENT HAS ENTERED INTO
8 THE PICTURE, THAT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT JAILS BECAUSE
9 OF RE-ALIGNMENT. AND I SURE HOPE WE DON'T ADOPT THAT NARRATIVE
10 BECAUSE IF RE-ALIGNMENT IS GOING TO CAUSE US TO HAVE TO BUILD
11 MORE JAILS FOR MORE JAIL CAPACITY, THEN THAT HAS TO BE PART OF
12 THE STATE'S BILL OR PAYMENT TO US, THE PROMISE THEY MADE TO
13 US. THEY'RE NOT PROMISING TO SPEND ANY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
14 DOLLARS ON NEW JAILS OR A BILLION DOLLARS ON NEW JAILS. AND
15 IT'S JUST ANOTHER PART OF THE BAIT AND SWITCH THAT HAS TAKEN
16 PLACE WITH RE-ALIGNMENT, THAT SOME MUCH US WERE WARNED ABOUT
17 FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. AND ASIDE FROM EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S
18 GONE WRONG WITH RE-ALIGNMENT, THAT WE NEED MORE JAIL CAPACITY
19 NOW. AND PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR SOME OF THE THINGS THAT
20 HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IS WE NEED MORE JAIL BEDS BECAUSE WE'RE
21 GETTING MORE STATE PRISONERS. THEY'RE DUMPING ALL OF THE
22 PRISONERS, NOT ALL, BUT MANY OF THEIR PRISONERS ON US AND WE
23 DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO HANDLE IT SO WE HAVE TO BUILD MORE
24 JAILS. WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET THE MONEY TO BUILD MORE JAILS
25 TO HANDLE STATE PRISONERS? IT'S JUST ABSURD. SO IT'S CRITICAL



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1 THAT THIS BEING A RIGOROUS EXERCISE, THAT THE ALTERNATIVES BE
2 VETTED THOROUGHLY WITH PEOPLE WHO DO NOT NECESSARILY SHARE THE
3 SILO MENTALITY THAT SOME OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DO. I
4 COMMEND THE SHERIFF FOR BRINGING IN THE AUSTIN PEOPLE, THE
5 AUSTIN CONSULTING GROUP TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES. AND I JUST
6 HOPE THAT AS YOU GO FORWARD IN YOUR ANALYSIS AND THE FIVE
7 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT WITH A.E.C.O.M., THAT THEY WILL LISTEN
8 TO AND CONSULT WITH AND INTEGRATE THEIR THINKING WITH THOSE
9 OUTSIDE OUR COUNTY FAMILY WHO MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO
10 CONTRIBUTE. THERE ARE COUNTIES AND CITIES AND STATES ALL OVER
11 THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE RETHOUGHT THE WAY THEY DEAL WITH THEIR
12 PRISON POPULATIONS THAT COULD SAVE US HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
13 DOLLARS WITHOUT COMPROMISING ANYTHING. AND AT LEAST WE HAVE TO
14 LOOK AT THAT AND GO INTO THIS WHOLE DISCUSSION WITH OPEN MINDS
15 ABOUT WHAT CAN BE DONE. SO I WANT TO JUST COMMEND YOU FOR THIS
16 REPORT, FOR THIS BOARD LETTER. IT LAYS OUT A DIRECTION THAT
17 LOOKS AT OPTIONS. AND I'M GOING TO HOLD YOU TO THE LOOKING AT
18 OPTIONS PIECE, AT LEAST FOR MY PERSPECTIVE. EVERYBODY'S GOT
19 THEIR OWN VIEWS OF THIS. BUT I DEFINITELY WANT TO SEE WHAT
20 ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE TO US AND TO SPEND THIS KIND OF
21 MONEY TO INCARCERATE EVEN MORE PEOPLE THAN WE INCARCERATE NOW,
22 THAT'S MY COMMENT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

23
24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL I DON'T THINK IT'S THE BRILLIANT REPORT YOU
25 CLAIM IT IS.



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DIDN'T CALL IT BRILLIANT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** A CHANGE OF THE FEW WORDS. THE PROBLEM IS IT IS A
5 MOVE FORWARD TO BUILD, THAT'S WHAT THIS REPORT IS. AND I HAVE
6 A PROBLEM WITH THAT. I'VE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE BUILDING OF A
7 NEW JAIL BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE HAVE RECEIVED A
8 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF FELONS IN L.A.
9 COUNTY. THAT IS THE LARGEST AND THE BIGGEST ISSUE THAT IS
10 CONFRONTING US. WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LOOKING AT
11 US. WE HAVE THE A.C.L.U. LAWSUIT BEFORE US. WE HAVE THE
12 RUTHERFORD ISSUE THAT JUDGE PREGERSON REVIEWS ON A REGULAR
13 BASIS. WE HAVE SO MANY OF THESE ISSUES AND THEY ALL BOIL DOWN
14 TO ONE THING: HOW WE MANAGE OUR JAIL POPULATION. AND YET ALL
15 WE EVER TALK ABOUT ON THIS BOARD IS BUILDING. INSTEAD OF LET'S
16 CREATE MORE SPACE FOR THEM. LET'S EXPAND. LEE BACA, SHERIFF
17 BACA COULDN'T EXPLAIN TWO WEEKS AGO WHERE HE IS ON
18 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE PROPOSED THREE YEARS AGO. THE SIMPLE
19 MANAGEMENT OF FELONS IN L.A. COUNTY. NOW I'M NOT GOING TO BUY
20 THIS THAT WE DON'T NEED ANYMORE JAILS. UNFORTUNATELY WE DO.
21 THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE COMMITTING MAJOR CRIMES IN
22 THIS COUNTY, AND THEY DON'T SEEM TO BEHAVE IN THE COMMUNITY.
23 AND WHEN WE CREATE ALTERNATIVES FOR THEM, AND THERE ARE MANY
24 THAT GO SERVICES UNUSED, AND WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO SEE THAT
25 IN 109, UNFORTUNATELY WE NEED THOSE JAIL BEDS. THE PROBLEM IS



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1 WE'RE NOT MANAGING THEM EFFECTIVELY. THIS REPORT SPEAKS
2 NOTHING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IN THAT ARE OF
3 MANAGEMENT. NOT ONE SENTENCE ABOUT HOW WE ARE MANAGING OUR
4 JAIL POPULATION. AND YET IT IS THE LARGEST PROBLEM. WE'RE
5 GOING TO KEEP GIVING IT BACK TO SHERIFF BACA, YOU GOT TO
6 MANAGE IT MORE EFFECTIVELY. YOU GOT TO MANAGE IT MORE
7 EFFECTIVELY. YET THE MANAGEMENT ISSUES ARE POLICY ISSUES AND
8 THEY'RE NEVER PRESENTED TO US. I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THEIR
9 REPORT AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS IT? WHY DID WE DO
10 THIS? WHY DID YOU DO IT, BILL? WHY DID YOU GET VERA TO WRITE
11 THIS HUGE REPORT? IT WAS A CONSULTANT DEAL FOR SOMEBODY? WHAT
12 WAS IT?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE THAT WAS DONE AT WE'D HAVE TO HAVE I
15 THINK THE SHERIFF WOULD HAVE TO COMMENT TO THAT BECAUSE THEY
16 WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT WAS ALSO DONE
17 THROUGH OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. IT WAS
18 ACTUALLY THE PERSON THAT CONVENED THAT REPORT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW WE GET THESE THINGS AND IT'S LIKE I
21 DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH [INAUDIBLE] WE PAID FOR IT.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SUPERVISOR, IF I CAN MAKE A REAL QUICK
24 COMMENT. THE ONE REASON WHY, I MEAN THE MAIN THRUST OF THE OUR
25 NEW APPROACH TO THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS THAT



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1 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HIGHLIGHTED AND CONCERNS THAT YOU HAVE
2 THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE JAIL PROCESS IN ITS
3 TOTALITY.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS DOESN'T DO THIS.

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7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, AS WE REPORT BACK
8 TO YOU ON SOME OF THE ALTERNATIVES, THOSE ALTERNATIVES WILL
9 INCORPORATE HOW THE JAIL IS MANAGED AND HOW IT COULD BE
10 MANAGED MORE EFFECTIVELY.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. FUJIOKA, LET ME POINT OUT, I DID NOT KNOW
13 ANYTHING ABOUT THE VERA REPORT. IT WAS NEVER PRESENTED TO ME,
14 OKAY? IT NEVER CAME IN HERE FOR A PRESENTATION. IT'S A LOT OF
15 PAGES, A LOT OF GRAPHS AND A LOT OF INFORMATION. FASCINATING
16 READING. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY READ IT. HAS ANYBODY READ IT?

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE READ IT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF YOU WANT, WE COULD HAVE MARK DELGADO COME
23 FORWARD WHO AT ONE POINT WE ASKED FOR TIME TO PRESENT THAT
24 REPORT. AS PART OF OUR REPORT BACK ON THE ALTERNATIVES, WE
25 WILL BE LOOKING AT WHAT MR. AUSTIN PREPARES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT, LET'S GO HERE. SO HE HAS A WHOLE
3 SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS, THE VERA REPORT.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO BE PRESENTED TO US?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL INCORPORATE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS INTO
10 THIS REPORT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY? WE'RE GOING TO GO OUT AND STUDY THEM MORE.
13 HERE'S A BUNCH OF GOOD ONES.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE'RE GOING TO WAIT UNTIL SOMEBODY ELSE
18 STUDIES IT?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** GIVEN THAT THE SHERIFF HAS BROUGHT IN THE
21 AUSTIN GROUP, AND GIVEN THAT WE'VE NOW ASKED FOR A JAIL
22 VIOLENCE COMMISSION TO LOOK AT THESE ALTERNATIVES, I THINK IT
23 WOULD BE PRUDENT TO INCORPORATE THE INPUT OF ALL THESE
24 DIFFERENT SOURCES?

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW BUT SHOULD WE WAIT? SHOULD WE WAIT? WHY
2 NOT DO THEM? IT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE THAT DRAMATICALLY.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I AGREE WITH YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT COULD POSSIBLY CHANGE UNDER IT? ONE OF THE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS, JAN, COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT COULD POSSIBLY
8 CHANGE IN THESE RECOMMENDATIONS?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAD ASKED AT ONE POINT, IT MUST HAVE BEEN
11 SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, IF WE CAN IN FACT PRESENT THAT INFORMATION
12 GIVEN OUR EFFORT RIGHT NOW, I BELIEVE IT WAS FELT THAT IT
13 WOULD BE BEST TO COMPLETE THE STUDY AND TO COME BACK WITH A-

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** COMPLETE WHAT STUDY NOW?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE STUDY WE'RE RECOMMENDING RIGHT NOW, TO
18 LOOK AT IT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT STUDY?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S THE REPORT WE'RE REQUESTING THAT YOU
23 APPROVE TODAY.

24



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1 **SUP. MOINA:** NO THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. I'M READING IT, FIRST
2 OF ALL, IN YOUR REQUEST YOU'RE ASKING FOR A LOT OF ISSUES
3 ABOUT BUILDING. THE ONLY ONE IS C, PROGRAM ALTERNATIVES THAT
4 CAN REDUCE THE COUNTY'S JAIL POPULATION AND ENHANCE INMATE
5 SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT. WHO'S DOING THAT REPORT?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE, WE WILL INCORPORATE INFORMATION FROM
8 THE VERA REPORT, FROM WHAT OUR JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION LOOKS
9 AT, AND WHAT CONCLUSIONS THEY REACH.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN WILL THAT BE DONE?

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO A TIMELINE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY DON'T HAVE A TIMELINE. IN OTHER WORDS,
16 UNLESS YOU KNOW THE TIMELINE FROM THAT SPECIAL TASKFORCE,
17 THEY'RE GOING TO BE IN BUSINESS FOR AT LEAST SIX TO EIGHT
18 MONTHS, AT LEAST. AND THAT'S MY GUESS. I'VE NEVER TALKED TO
19 THEM, SO I DON'T KNOW. ARE WE GOING TO WAIT SIX TO EIGHT
20 MONTHS?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO BE SIX TO EIGHT
23 MONTHS FROM TALKING TO AT LEAST A COUPLE MEMBERS OF THE JAIL
24 VIOLENCE COMMISSION. IT'S A PRIORITY FOR THEM.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVE THEY TALKED TO YOU, MAYBE THREE MONTHS?

2

3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN ME A TIME LINE. BUT I
4 BELIEVE MR. AUSTIN'S WORK WILL BE DONE BEFORE THAT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD BE VERY IMPRESSED. BILL, YOU'RE GOING ALL
7 OVER THE PLACE. I'M ASKING YOU A SIMPLE QUESTION. HERE'S ALL
8 THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM VERA. WHY AREN'T WE IMPLEMENTING
9 THESE?

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WOULD BE A POLICY DECISION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT HASN'T BEEN BROUGHT TO US. SO DO I COME IN AND
14 MAKE A MOTION THAT WE SHOULD HAVE NIGHT COURT?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE WE'VE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS ON-

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M THE ONE THAT WE SHOULD EXPAND THE RELEASE OF
19 PRETRIAL DEFENDANTS? AM I THE ONE THAT SHOULD DO THIS?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** PART OF IT IS BOARD POLICY.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** ELECTRONIC VIOLENCE SENTENCING PRACTICES? I WOULD
24 LOVE TO TELL THE JUDGES, BUT I DON'T THINK THEY WANT TO LISTEN
25 TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT SENTENCING.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SOME OF IT IS BOARD POLICY. SOME OF IT IS IN
3 THE PURVIEW OF OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM. AND SOME OF IT FALLS UNDER
4 THE-

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND? HERE'S A WHOLE SERIES OF
7 RECOMMENDATIONS.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT COULD SAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE
12 GOING INTO OUR FACILITIES. THAT'S JUST ONE SET OF
13 RECOMMENDATIONS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE WAITING UNDER
14 THE GUISE THIS OF BUILDING PROGRAM, WHY WE CAN'T DO THIS. WE
15 ALREADY HAVE THE REPORT. IT'S VERY THOROUGH. IT'S PRETTY
16 RECENT DATED, TOO, IT'S NOT DRAMATICALLY CHANGED. YES, YOU CAN
17 THROW IN 109 ALL YOU WANT BUT THE POINT IS THAT EVERY SINGLE
18 ONE OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS REALLY REQUIRE QUITE A BIT OF
19 TIME FRAME TO NEGOTIATE WITH JUDGES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, TO BEGIN A PROCESS OF HOW WE WOULD
21 IMPLEMENT IT, WHAT WOULD IT COST BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE GOING
22 TO BURY THIS WHEN WE HAVE SOLID INFORMATION ABOUT VERY
23 POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES, NOT ALL OF THEM 100 PERCENT BUT AT
24 LEAST SOME IDEA. I KEEP THINKING IS ALL WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS
25 RESTUDY AND STUDY AND ADD NEW THINGS. SO NOW THE A.C.L.U.



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1 COMES IN AND COMPLAINS THAT WE HAD NOT STUDIED THIS ISSUE.
2 BECAUSE I REMEMBER YOU SAID "WE DID, TOO, WE STUDIED IT WITH
3 VERA." SO THEN YOU SAID "WE DON'T NEED TO DO IT BECAUSE WE
4 ALREADY HAVE IT." BUT SINCE THEN, SOMEBODY HAS ACQUIESCED AND
5 SAID "OH NO, OKAY, A.C.L.U., WE WILL DO YOUR STUDY." NOW WHO
6 IS THE PERSON THAT'S DOING THAT STUDY?

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8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** JIM AUSTIN WORKING AT THE SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN WILL HE FINISH IT?

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13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE CAN ASK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN WILL THEY FINISH IT?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION, I'M NOT
18 INVOLVED IN THAT.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS. [LAUGHTER.]
21 THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T HAVE IT.

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23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL THE RIGHT PERSON HERE, WE WEREN'T AWARE
24 THAT THIS-

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME. DO YOU HAVE A CONTRACT THAT SAYS "YOU
2 WILL TURN IN YOUR REPORT ON MARCH 31ST"? NO. DO YOU HAVE A
3 CONTRACT THAT SAYS JUNE 30TH? SEPTEMBER 30TH? NO, YOU DON'T
4 HAVE IT.

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MR. AUSTIN IS WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THIS. AND WE CAN ASK. I IMAGINE
8 THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF PEOPLE--

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS THE POINT I'M TRYING TO BE IS YOU'RE NOT
11 BEING REALISTIC AND CLEAR WITH US, OKAY? HONESTLY. THIS IS
12 SUCH A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE. I MEAN, IT SHOULDN'T COST A BILLION
13 BUCKS BUT IT PROBABLY WILL COST A LOT OF MONEY, A SIGNIFICANT
14 INVESTMENT. THERE'S MONEY ON THE TABLE AND THE STATE AND SO
15 ON. AND I'M AS ANXIOUS AS ANYONE TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT STATE
16 MONEY. I JUST DON'T THINK WE'RE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
17 WITH THIS. WE'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO
18 THE SHERIFF, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. THIS
19 BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW. WE ARE BEING SUED. WE ARE BEING
20 INVESTIGATED. WE ARE BEING SCRUTINIZED. AND ALL I'M GETTING IS
21 A KICK THE CAN, KICK THE CAN. AND WE'RE GOING TO MOVE AND
22 WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS. WE NEVER HAVE DEADLINES. AND I'M
23 NERVOUS ABOUT IT BECAUSE SOME I MEAN THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE
24 ALONE.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S SIGNIFICANT.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS TERRIBLY INTIMIDATING. I MEAN LAST WEEK WE HAD
4 SAYING PEOPLE THAT "OH WELL WE SENT THEM TO OUR MENTAL HEALTH
5 COMPONENT AND THEN WE PUT THEM BACK INTO THE JAIL POPULATION."
6 SINCE WHEN DO MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE GET HEALTHY ALL OF A SUDDEN?
7 THEY MIGHT BE IF YOU'RE TAKING YOUR MEDICATION. THEY MIGHT BE
8 IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH CONSTANT THERAPY AND THAT KIND OF
9 THING. BUT USUALLY SOME OF THE SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
10 THAT WE ARE SEEING IN OUR JAILS ARE NOT TWO WEEKS OF THERAPY
11 AND LET'S TOSS THEM BACK INTO THE REGULAR JAIL POPULATION. YOU
12 NEED TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH IN MENTAL HEALTH. BUT
13 WE'RE THROWING MANY OF THESE PEOPLE INTO OUR JAILS. WE HAVE
14 PAID LIABILITY, FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED IN OUR JAILS FOR
15 STEALING A SHOPPING CART. I KNOW, BECAUSE I REMEMBER THAT
16 CASE. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN PUT IN OUR JAILS FOR D.U.I.
17 THAT, AGAIN, I MEAN THERE COULD BE OTHER KINDS OF WAYS,
18 INCLUDING ELECTRONIC MONITORING AND OTHERS, THEY DON'T NEED TO
19 BE IN THERE. AND THEN WE HAVE A WHOLE SERIES OF MENTALLY ILL
20 PEOPLE THAT, AGAIN, DO BAD THINGS. AND WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT
21 THEM OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY NEED TO
22 BE IN WITH HARDENED CRIMINALS IN OUR JAIL POPULATION. AND,
23 YET--

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT IS NOT THE POLICY THAT IS BEING PUT BEFORE
3 US. NO ONE THAT I KNOW OF IS MAKING AN EFFORT TO STUDY THOSE
4 KINDS OF ISSUES AND BRING THEM FORWARD. THE VERA REPORT DEALS
5 WITH MANAGING AND OVERCROWDING. HE'S SAYING DO NIGHT COURT,
6 THAT HELPS. DO ARRAIGNMENTS, LIMIT CONTINUANCES. THERE'S A
7 WHOLE SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I WISH I COULD JUST SAY
8 DO IT AND YOU COULD RUN OFF AND DO IT. BUT THEY REQUIRE BEING
9 PUT INTO A TIME FRAME, A MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE OF BRINGING THE
10 D.A., THE JUDGES TOGETHER, ALL OF US TO GET ON THE SAME PAGE
11 AND THE SHERIFF BECAUSE OF THE OVERCROWDING SITUATION. YET
12 IT'S BEING FILED AWAY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT DR. AUSTIN IS GOING
13 TO PRESENT AND WHEN. RIGHT NOW I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHEN BECAUSE
14 I'VE ASKED AND NO ONE CAN TELL ME. AND IF ANYONE HERE KNOWS,
15 RAISE YOUR HAND BECAUSE, PLEASE, MR. PREVEN, I KNOW YOU DON'T
16 KNOW, ALL RIGHT? I WANT TO KNOW. I JUST THINK IT'S A LEGIT, SO
17 NOW YOU ARE GOING TO GO OFF AND STUDY THESE PROGRAM
18 ALTERNATIVES. I MEAN IT'S ANOTHER CONTRACT. IT'S ANOTHER TIME
19 FRAME. AND, FOLKS, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I WASN'T GOING TO
20 VOTE FOR THE JAIL BECAUSE NOT ONLY THE COST BUT TO ME THE
21 SHERIFF WAS NOT BRINGING A SOLID MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH IT. I
22 KEPT TELLING YOU THAT. JUST BUILDING MORE BEDS WHILE YOU HAVE
23 BEDS THAT ARE EMPTY IN ONE PLACE AND BEDS THAT YOU'RE
24 CONTRACTING OUT IN ANOTHER. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. WE DON'T
25 HAVE A FULL INVENTORY. WE DON'T HAVE A SOLID MANAGEMENT PLAN.



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1 AND I KNOW THAT I ASKED THESE QUESTIONS A LOT AND I DON'T
2 KNOW. I'M A BOARD MEMBER. I SERVE ON A BOARD THAT REPRESENTS
3 OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE. UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF FELONS THAT WE
4 HAVE IN CUSTODY. NOW WITH AB-109 MORE AND MORE COMING THAT ARE
5 PROBABLY GOING TO END UP IN OUR JAILS. BUT AS A BOARD MEMBER,
6 AND I'M ONE THAT'S CURIOUS. I ASK QUESTIONS OVER AND OVER
7 AGAIN. I DON'T GET THE ANSWERS. SO THE PROBLEM THAT I'M SAYING
8 TO YOU IS: YOU KEEP KICKING THE CAN FORWARD ON THIS WHOLE
9 THING TO CREATE SOME OTHER KIND OF MECHANISM TO BUILD. WE ARE
10 DOWN, I MEAN I WAS INVOLVED WITH YOU ON THE SYBIL BRAND THING.
11 WE ARE GOING TO HAVE WOMEN UP THERE. WE DID THAT FOR FOUR OR
12 FIVE YEARS AND IT DIDN'T WORK AND IT COULDN'T HAPPEN. NOW WE
13 CHANGE THAT. I MEAN HOW LONG? I'M NOT GOING TO BE HERE AN ALL
14 THAT LONG. BUT WE ARE NOT MOVING FORWARD IN THE KEY AREA, AND
15 THAT IS MANAGING OUR CUSTODY POPULATION. THERE IS NO PLAN FOR
16 THAT MANAGEMENT. WE KEEP TOSSING IT TO THE SHERIFF TO DO.
17 THERE ARE ISSUES, POLICY ISSUES, THAT WE COULD APPROVE. EVEN
18 THOUGH, AGAIN, IT WOULD REQUIRE NEGOTIATION WITH THE SHERIFF,
19 WITH THE D.A. AND THE JUDGES. BUT THEY'RE NEVER PRESENTED TO
20 US. ALL WE GET IS "BUILD MORE. TRY IT THIS WAY. I HAVE THE
21 VOTES. THE STATE HAS MORE MONEY."

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** CAN I OFFER SOMETHING?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU CAN DO ALL OF THESE THINGS, BILL, BUT YOU'VE
2 NEVER PUT THIS ON THE TABLE. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS STUDY
3 IS. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE COMMISSION IS GOING TO COME UP WITH
4 A SET OF ANSWERS. AND IF ANYBODY HAD A TIME FRAME, ALL I KNOW
5 IS THE PUBLIC IS REALLY WONDERING WHEN WE'RE GOING TO FINISH
6 THIS ISSUE. SECOND OF ALL, I BET D.O.J. IS WONDERING IF WE'RE
7 GOING TO WAKE UP AND GET WORKING ON THIS. ALL I KNOW IS THAT
8 THERE ARE MORE CASES OF POTENTIAL LIABILITY THAT WE'RE GOING
9 TO BE GOING INTO CLOSE SESSION AND THEY'RE PRETTY FRIGHTENING
10 AS IT IS. HONESTLY, I'M TELLING YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE AND
11 YOUR GROUP THAT GET TOGETHER SOMEHOW AND COME UP WITH THIS
12 LIST THINGS TO DO. CAN WE GET BACK ON TRACK AND LET THIS BOARD
13 BE INFORMED ABOUT ALL OF THESE ISSUES? NOT PIE-IN-THE-SKY
14 WE'RE GOING OFF TO GET 100 MILLION DOLLARS. WE'RE GOING TO GO
15 TALK TO THE WIZARD AND SEE WHAT ELSE HE'LL GIVE US? RIGHT NOW
16 WE NEED BASIC, BASIC MANAGEMENT INFORMATION OF THE CUSTODY,
17 THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CUSTODY OF OUR FELONS, WHICH WE DON'T
18 HAVE. I AM CLUELESS. AND I AM SOMEONE WHO IS TRYING SO HARD TO
19 GET THIS INFORMATION. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS EVEN BEGINS TO
20 ADDRESS THOSE BASIC ISSUES.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I CAN ADD ONE THING. WE HAVE CONVENED. I
23 HAVE CONVENED A MEETING THAT CONSISTS OF THE D.A., A PRESIDING
24 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, THE SHERIFF HIMSELF, ALTERNATE
25 PUBLIC DEFENDER, PUBLIC DEFENDER AND MYSELF. WE'VE MET SEVERAL



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1 TIMES. WE'VE ACTUALLY COME UP WITH A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS
2 THAT NEED ADDITIONAL VETTING. WE HAD ATTEMPTED TO MOVE FORWARD
3 THE VERA REPORT. GIVEN WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MR. AUSTIN AND
4 SOME OTHER EFFORTS, IT WAS FELT THAT THAT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL
5 WE HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION TOGETHER. BUT WE HAVE MOVED
6 FORWARD. WE DO HAVE THIS TASKFORCE THAT'S NEVER BEEN DONE
7 BEFORE. BUT I HEAR YOU CLEARLY. WE'LL GIVE YOU THAT REPORT AND
8 BRING IT BACK.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I HAVE A LIST OF THOSE THINGS THAT YOUR
11 LITTLE COMMITTEES COME UP WITH? AT LEAST I WOULD KNOW?

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'LL BE HAPPY TO. I'LL GIVE IT TO YOUR OFFICE
14 TODAY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS YOU SHOULD FIND OUT,
17 AND I DON'T KNOW WHO IS DOING THIS ALTERNATIVES REVIEW, IF
18 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A NEW CONSULTANT, A NEW VERA REPORT, I
19 DON'T KNOW WHO'S DOING IT, BUT WE SHOULD KNOW WHEN MR. AUSTIN
20 IS GOING TO FINISH HIS REPORT, SHOULDN'T WE?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL FIND THAT OUT FOR YOU. WE'LL TALK TO THE
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IF HE TOLD YOU NEXT YEAR?



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C.E.O. FUJIOKA: LET'S FIND OUT THE RIGHT DATE FIRST BEFORE I
WOULD RESPOND TO THAT. THAT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG. I HAVE TALKED
TO MEMBERS OF THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION IN LOOKING AT THIS
ISSUE. FROM THE VERA REPORT, WE GIVEN THEM COPIES OF THAT, AT
LEAST EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. THEY ARE WELL AWARE OF WHAT MR.
AUSTIN IS DOING. AT LEAST ONE PERSON HAS PUT IT AS HIS TOP
PRIORITY TO LOOK AT THAT. I KNOW THIS ISN'T GOING TO LANGUISH.
IT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD. IT'S NOT AS IF
ATTEMPTS TO DISCUSS THE VERA HASN'T HAPPENED.

11

SUP. MOLINA: I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TO THE JAIL
COMMISSION, THEY'RE ALL VERY SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT PEOPLE
DOING THEIR WORK. BUT I'M A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS. AND I HAVE BEEN ASKING THE SAME THING. AND
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WE ARE PAYING TO DO A LOT OF THIS
WORK AND WHY AM I NOT ENTITLED THE SAME RESPECT ABOUT THE
URGENCY OF GETTING THESE ALTERNATIVES TO ME, AS WELL?

19

C.E.O. FUJIOKA: YOU'RE RIGHT. WE WILL GET THAT INFORMATION TO
YOU.

22

ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: ANYBODY ELSE WISH TO BE HEARD ON
THE BOARD AT THIS TIME? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTIONS. THE QUESTION IS WHAT ARE WE BUYING
2 FOR THE FIVE-POINT-SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS AND SIX-MONTH STUDY?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS IT A SIX-MONTH STUDY?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR. COULD YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE WE BUYING WITH THE FIVE-POINT-SEVEN
9 MILLION DOLLARS APPROPRIATION AND SIX-MONTH STUDY?

10

11 **JAN TAKATA:** THE FIVE-POINT-SEVEN IS TO RETAIN A.E.C.O.M. TO
12 HELP US DEVELOP THE OPTIONS. THEY'LL BE DOING ASSESSMENTS OF
13 THE EXISTING CONDITIONS OF OUR EXISTING FACILITIES. THEY'LL BE
14 HELPING US VISUALIZE OUR PROGRAMMING PARAMETERS AND DIRECTIONS
15 UNDER OUR SCENARIOS, PRELIMINARY DESIGN SERVICES. WE DO NOT
16 ANTICIPATE WE WILL EXPEND THE FULL FIVE-POINT-SEVEN MILLION IN
17 THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. WE DO ANTICIPATE THIS WILL BE AN
18 ITERATIVE PROCESS, THAT WE WILL GET FURTHER DIRECTION FROM THE
19 BOARD AT THE END OF THOSE SIX MONTHS, AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD
20 CONTINUE TO USE THIS CONTRACT. BUT WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE
21 EXPENDING THE ENTIRE FIVE-POINT-SEVEN MILLION OVER THE NEXT
22 SIX MONTHS.

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU AGREE IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER SIX MONTHS
2 TO STUDY IT? IS IT GOING TO REQUIRE ANOTHER SIX MONTHS TO
3 STUDY?

4

5 **JAN TAKATA:** TO GATHER ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE OTHER
6 PROGRAMMATIC ALTERNATIVES AND THEN PUT TOGETHER CAPITAL
7 OPTIONS OFF OF THAT, YES, IT WILL TAKE THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.
8 JUST TO GATHER THAT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY WASN'T A LOT OF THIS BEING DONE AFTER
11 THIS WAS PRESENTED TO US A NUMBER OF MONTHS AGO WHEN WE SAW
12 THE THREE TOWERS? YOU SAW THE PROPOSED THREE CYLINDER TOWERS,
13 RIGHT?

14

15 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY WASN'T A LOT OF THIS BEING DONE AT THAT
18 TIME? WHY ARE WE GOING TO WAIT ANOTHER SIX MONTHS?

19

20 **JAN TAKATA:** NOW THE STUDY WILL BE FOCUSED ON A SYSTEM-WIDE
21 PERSPECTIVE RATHER THAN A SINGLE SITE. WE WILL BE NOW LOOKING
22 AT ALL SITES, ALL FACILITIES, TAKING THAT INTO CONSIDERATION
23 WITH NEW PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS THAT WE'LL BE BRINGING TO THE
24 TABLE. THE PRIOR EXERCISE WAS PRIMARILY A CAPITAL OPTION AT
25 ONE SINGLE SITE. NOW WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL THE SITES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DIDN'T YOU DO THE REPLACEMENT AS PART ONE
3 AND THE OTHERS FOR PART TWO? WHY DID YOU COMBINE THE TWO
4 TOGETHER?

5

6 **JAN TAKATA:** I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE SAYING NOW YOU WANT TO LOOK AT THE
9 ENTIRE SYSTEM.

10

11 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST FOCUS ON THE REPLACEMENT
14 OF CENTRAL JAIL AND HAVE THAT IN PROGRESS AND LOOK AT THE
15 OTHERS WITHOUT MIXING THE TWO TOGETHER?

16

17 **JAN TAKATA:** WELL, WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT-- WE STARTED THIS
18 STUDY SOME YEARS AGO LOOKING AT THE SYSTEM. WE REFOCUSED
19 LOOKING AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE OF THE DETERIORATING
20 CONDITION OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALL AGREE ABOUT CENTRAL JAIL. BUT NOW
23 YOU'RE MOVING FORWARD AND INCLUDING CENTRAL JAIL WITH OTHER
24 IMPROVEMENTS IN OTHER FACILITIES. AND I'M SAYING WHY DIDN'T



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1 YOU JUST STICK WITH THE REMODEL OR THE RENOVATION OR THE
2 REBUILDING OF REPLACEMENT OF CENTRAL JAIL?

3

4 **JAN TAKATA:** BECAUSE OF THE ADDED INTEREST OF THE IMPACT OF RE-
5 ALIGNMENT, THE RE-FOCUS ON ALTERNATIVES.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT RE-ALIGNMENT. WE'RE
8 ONLY TALKING ABOUT REPLACING CENTRAL JAIL FOR OUR OWN
9 RESPONSIBILITIES, NOT THOSE FROM THE STATE COMING DOWN. THAT
10 MONEY THAT THE STATE WAS GIVING US FOR RENOVATION OF OUR
11 FACILITIES WAS FOR THOSE INMATES WHO WERE SENTENCED FOR A YEAR
12 OR LESS OR GOING THROUGH THE JUDICIAL PROCESS. IT WAS NOT
13 MEANT TO BE USED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BED SPACE FOR THOSE
14 THAT THE STATE IS NOW GOING TO SEND TO US.

15

16 **JAN TAKATA:** WE WERE HEARING CONCERNS, SUPERVISOR, ABOUT THE
17 IMPACTS ON THE OVERALL JAIL POPULATION. WOULD IT BE
18 INCREASING? WOULD IT BE DECREASING? WE HAVE COMPETING FACTORS
19 IN RE-ALIGNMENT VERSUS ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THE
20 DESIRE TO LOWER THE POPULATION. ALSO THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF
21 AN INCREASING POPULATION UNDER RE-ALIGNMENT. WE NEEDED TIME TO
22 STUDY THOSE IMPACTS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT BROUGHT BEFORE THE
25 BOARD, BUT WE WERE DISCUSSING THEM HERE.



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2 **JAN TAKATA:** THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FORMULATE, SUPERVISOR,
3 IS OPTIONS THAT WE CAN BRING THOSE OPTIONS IN THAT DISCUSSION
4 TO YOUR BOARD.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT TO USE STATE
7 MONEY FOR JAIL RENOVATIONS TO BE USED TO HOUSE STATE INMATES
8 THAT WILL NOW BE COMING THROUGH RE-ALIGNMENT. THAT WAS A
9 DIFFERENT PROGRAM.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WERE HERE TO LOOK AT REMODELING, REPLACING
14 CENTRAL JAIL. NOW YOU'RE MIXING THE TWO TOGETHER.

15

16 **JAN TAKATA:** AND WE WERE ASKED TO LOOK AT ADDITIONAL OPTIONS
17 BEYOND JUST LOOKING AT AND FOCUSING ON MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST PRESENT REPLACING
20 CENTRAL JAIL AND THEN DO A PART TWO LOOKING AT OTHER AREAS BUT
21 DON'T MIX THE TWO TOGETHER.

22

23 **JAN TAKATA:** WE WERE ASKED TO LOOK AT--

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO IS WE? WHO ASKED YOU?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THE BOARD. WE DID.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BOARD ASKED YOU TO DO THAT.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** WE ASKED.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE DIDN'T SAY TO STOP DOING THE
9 REPLACEMENT OF CENTRAL JAIL. YOU COULD STILL DO THE
10 REPLACEMENT OF CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT LOOKING AT THESE OTHER
11 ITEMS AND STOPPING THE PROCESS OF CENTRAL JAIL. ACTUALLY
12 YOU'RE SLOWING DOWN THE REPLACEMENT OF CENTRAL JAIL BY ADDING
13 THESE OTHER FACTORS.

14

15 **JAN TAKATA:** WE WERE ASKED TO PRESENT OTHER OPTIONS TO CONSIDER
16 IN ADDITION TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THESE WERE IN ADDITION. BUT NOW IT'S ALL
19 GOING TO BE ONE.

20

21 **JAN TAKATA:** WE PRESENTED AS OPTIONS FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM, OF
22 WHICH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WILL BE ONE CONSIDERATION.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IT DOES NOT INCLUDE S.B.I., RIGHT?

25



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1 **JAN TAKATA:** WE'LL BE LOOKING AT ALL SITES.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** S.B.I. WILL BE INCLUDED.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE PROBLEM WITH S.B.I., WHEN WE LOOKED AT IT,
6 WE HAD SIGNIFICANT GEOLOGICAL ISSUES WITH THE HILL AT S.B.I.
7 AND WE HAD SOME OTHER PROBLEMS THERE WHERE IT WAS DETERMINED
8 THAT THE COST TO MITIGATE THE GEOLOGICAL ISSUES, SOME OF THE
9 METHANE ISSUES, WOULD MAKE CONSTRUCTION THERE EXTREMELY
10 EXPENSIVE. AND SO THE INTENT NOW AND YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S NOT
11 JUST TO LOOK AT ONE FACILITY, BUT TO LOOK AT THE SYSTEM IN
12 TOTAL AND TO COME BACK. OUR INTENT IS NOT TO COME BACK WITH
13 JUST OPTIONS WE THINK SHOULD MOVE FORWARD BUT TO COME BACK
14 WITH A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF OPTIONS AND FOR OUR BOARD THEN TO
15 TELL US THE APPROPRIATE DIRECTION TO MOVE FORWARD ON. AND SO A
16 NUMBER OF FACTORS I KNOW WE MENTIONED 109, BUT THAT'S NOT THE
17 PRINCIPAL FACTOR. AND YOU'RE RIGHT. THE STATE MONEY THAT'S
18 AVAILABLE WAS NOT FOR 109. IT WAS FOR A DIFFERENT PURPOSE. BUT
19 AB-, I THINK IT WAS 900, THE LANGUAGE CHANGED TO GIVE US MORE
20 FLEXIBILITY IN USING THAT MONEY FOR ONE OF OUR FACILITIES.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHAT IT'S DOING IS ALLOWING THE STATE TO
23 SEND US THEIR INMATES ON OUR DIME.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY FIRST IS TO OUR
3 INMATES THAT THEY HAVE REPLACEMENT OF THAT FACILITY, CENTRAL
4 JAIL. AND THE OTHER ISSUE SHOULD BE SEPARATE FUNDING AND
5 SEPARATE PROPOSALS THAT COME BEFORE THIS BOARD FOR DISCUSSION.
6 THEY'RE NOT PUT INTO ONE BIG ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH...

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EXCUSE ME. AND THEN DO YOU CONSIDER THE
12 CONTRACTING OPTIONS FOR THE SHERIFF'S SENTENCE POPULATION
13 WHICH IS RIGHT NOW ON A STEADY INCLINE AND IS EXPECTED TO GROW
14 OVER TIME? WHEN YOU NOD YOUR HEAD YES, IT DOESN'T PICK UP ON
15 THE MICROPHONE.

16

17 **JAN TAKATA:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE WILL DO THAT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT OTHER FACTORS OR OPTIONS WILL BE
24 CONSIDERED WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN CONSIDERED THUS FAR?

25



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, IN ALL CANDOR, THE INTENT OF THIS EFFORT
2 IS TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH, IS TO LOOK AT EVERY SINGLE OPTION
3 POSSIBLE TO INCORPORATE INPUT FROM THE INDIVIDUAL I MENTIONED
4 WHO IS WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO TO BRING
5 IN AN EXPERIENCED GROUP WHO CAN GO AT OUR VARIOUS FACILITIES
6 AND WORK WITH US TO DEVELOP THOSE OPTIONS. SO WE HAVE AN IDEA
7 OF SOME WE'LL BE LOOKING AT, BUT THE INTENT IS TO GO THROUGH
8 THIS EXERCISE AND BRING YOU BACK AS COMPREHENSIVE A LIST AS
9 POSSIBLE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SUPERVISOR KNABE?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OBVIOUSLY REGARDLESS, I MEAN THE C.J. ISSUE IS
15 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. THAT'S A REALITY. THE OTHER ISSUE HERE,
16 THOUGH, HEARING SOME OF MY COLLEAGUE'S CONVERSATION IS THE
17 OTHER ANSWER IS NOT LET EVERYBODY OUT EARLY. THAT IS THE ISSUE
18 THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DEAL WITH, AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS
19 ISSUE VERY COMPLICATED. WHETHER IT'S RE-ALIGNMENT, WHATEVER
20 THE PROCESS MAY BE. AND IN ALL DUE RESPECT, I MEAN I'M SORT OF
21 ON THE SAME PAGE AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA IN MANY AREAS. BUT THE
22 VERA REPORT, WHEN YOU ANALYZE THAT, THE MAJORITY OF THAT
23 REPORT IS NOT UNDER OUR PURVIEW. THAT'S THE ABILITY OF THE
24 JUDGES, THE D.A., THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE SHERIFF, EVERYONE
25 ELSE FROM THERE ARE A FEW POLICY, POTENTIAL POLICY DECISIONS



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1 THIS BOARD MIGHT BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT. BUT THE MAJORITY, SUPER
2 MAJORITY OF THAT REPORT ARE UNDER THE PURVIEW OF OUR COURTS.
3 AND, GRANTED, WE COULD CONVENE A MEETING, BUT AT THE END OF
4 THE DAY, THE JUDGES AND THE D.A. AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND
5 THE SHERIFF ARE GOING TO MAKE THAT DECISION. AND IT'S GOING TO
6 BE A RULING. I JUST THINK WE NEED TO KEEP THINGS IN
7 PERSPECTIVE. I AGREE THAT THIS REPORT, THERE ARE MANY THINGS
8 IN THERE THAT I THOUGHT WERE GOING TO BE DONE TO BEGIN WITH. I
9 DO HAVE A MOTION AS IT RELATES TO A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
10 SIMILAR TO WHAT WE DID FOR THE COURTHOUSE IN LONG BEACH THAT I
11 WOULD LIKE TO LIKE TO HAVE COME BACK AS PART OF THAT REPORT
12 BUT I CAN WAIT TO THE END TO DO THAT, SO, MR. CHAIR, IF YOU
13 WANT TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING.
16 MAYBE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER COULD INDICATE TO US HOW MANY
17 PEOPLE WISH TO BE HEARD?

18

19 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** AT THIS TIME WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 75.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THEN LET'S PROCEED ACCORDINGLY
22 WITH THE WITNESSES. WE CALL ON THE FOLLOWING PERSONS FOR THEIR
23 TESTIMONY OF ONE MINUTE. WE BEGIN WITH WOODSIN JOSEPH, PLEASE
24 COME FORWARD. DEBORAH BURTON. CRYSTAL DIXON. JULIET OVALLE.
25 PLEASE COME FORWARD THOSE NAMES THAT I JUST CALLED. DANAE



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1 TAPIA, LET ME SEE YOUR HAND DANAЕ TAPIA. PLEASE COME FORWARD
2 IF YOU'RE HERE. CAROL SMITH, PLEASE COME FORWARD. YOUR NAME,
3 SIR?

4

5 **WOODSIN JOSEPH:** MY NAME IS WOODSIN, JOSEPH SANFORD. AND I DO A
6 LOT OF OUTREACH WITH HOMELESS. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
7 DECRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS AND INSTEAD OF MAKING MORE JAILS,
8 WE NEED TO INCREASE SCHOOLS INSTEAD OF MAKING MORE JAILS. WE
9 NEED TO HAVE PROGRAMS FOR DRUG ADDICTION REHAB INSTEAD OF
10 MAKING MORE JAILS. WE NEED COMMUNITY SUPPORT. WE DON'T NEED
11 MORE INCARCERATION.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM, YOU HAVE THE MIC, PROCEED. YOUR
15 NAME?

16

17 **DEBORAH BURTON:** MY NAME IS DEBORAH BURTON. I ALSO ASK THE
18 BOARD TO OPPOSE THE INCREASES OF POLICE, I MEAN BUILDING MORE
19 JAILS. WE NEED A PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE FOLKS THAT'S
20 RETURNING FROM THE JAIL SYSTEM. WE OPPOSE THE PLANS FOR
21 EXPANDED PROGRAM JAIL SYSTEM.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
24 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25



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1 **DANAE TAPIA:** IT IS SAD THAT CALIFORNIA--

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NAME?

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5 **DANAE TAPIA:** SORRY MY NAME IS DANAE FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE
6 COALITION, I'M A YOUTH ORGANIZER. IT IS SAD THAT CALIFORNIA IS
7 KNOWN WORLDWIDE AS A PRISON STATE, THAT THIS LAND, THIS
8 COUNTRY LEADS THE WORLD IN INCARCERATION. LOS ANGELES HAS MORE
9 PLACES OF LOCKUP RATHER THAN SPACES FOR LEARNING. IS THIS THE
10 TYPE OF FUTURE WE ARE CREATING FOR THE GENERATIONS UNBORN?
11 WHAT BUGS ME THE MOST IS THE CONVERSATION AROUND CURRENT JAILS
12 IN L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO QUOTE FREDERICK DOUGLAS THAT "YOU
13 CANNOT MAKE A BETTER OR NICER SLAVE SYSTEM" IN THE SAME SENSE
14 THAT WE CANNOT MAKE BETTER OR NICER JAILS. WE NEED "JAILS ARE
15 NICER" IS AN OXYMORON, THEY ARE OPPOSITES. WE NEED TO INVEST
16 IN COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS. WE DO
17 INTERVENTION, PREVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING, EDUCATION,
18 ETCETERA. THERE ARE ALREADY PROGRAMS, ORGANIZATIONS, ADVOCATES
19 AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO ARE CREATING AND HAVE CREATED
20 ALTERNATIVES TO LOCKUP.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
23 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

24



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1 **CRYSTAL DIXON:** MY NAME IS CRYSTAL DIXON AND I AM WITH THE
2 JUSTICE COALITION ALSO. AND I AM ONE MORE RESIDENT DEMANDING
3 NO JAILS EXPANSION IN LOS ANGELES. PROVIDE EVERYONE COMING
4 HOME FROM CUSTODY WITH THE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS NEEDED FROM THEIR
5 IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING BIRTH
6 CERTIFICATES, STATE I.D. OR DRIVER'S LICENSE, SOCIAL SECURITY
7 CARD, SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS AND TEST SCORES, IMMUNIZATION RECORDS
8 AND OTHER MEDICAL HEALTH MENTAL RECORDS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR
9 PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE. THEY SHOULD ALSO RETURN HOME ENROLLED
10 IN MEDICAL OR CHILD HEALTH PLUS PROGRAMS FOR UNDOCUMENTED
11 PEOPLE ENSURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE INCREASED RISK OF
12 DEPORTATION FOR CONVICTED PEOPLE. AND LINK THEM TO RESOURCES
13 THAT CAN FACILITATE THE PATH TO CITIZENSHIP.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND I'M
16 CALLING ON THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE. SONI LOVE. JOHN THOMPSON.
17 BRANDY BROWN. AND FINALLY JENNIFER DENUNO. MS. SMITH PLEASE
18 PROCEED.

19

20 **CAROL SMITH:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS CAROL SMITH. I'M REQUESTING
21 THE BOARD TO VOTE NO ON BOTH ITEMS OF THE AGENDA. THE L.A.
22 COUNTY DOES NOT NEED NEW JAILS. THE A.C.L.U. HAS DEMONSTRATED
23 7,000 BEDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNOCCUPIED. THERE'S 100,000
24 DOLLARS FROM THE 100 MILLION DOLLARS FROM AB-900 IS FOR NEW
25 CONSTRUCTION. IT'S JUST A ROAD TO HAVE YOU DOWN THE LINE



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1 PROVIDE MUCH MORE MONEY FOR CONSTRUCTION. THIS IS JUST A
2 BEGINNING. YOU ALL GET IT. YOU KNOW IT. AND IT WILL BE MUCH
3 MORE MONEY IN THE FUTURE. THE GROUP THAT'S BEEN HIRED BY THE
4 C.E.O., A.E.C.O.M. IS PRIMARILY A GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN PRISON
5 CONSTRUCTION. THEY ARE NOT A GROUP THAT DEVELOPS CREATIVELY
6 ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES TO DEPOPULATE THE PRISONS. YOU CAN BE
7 SURE THIS NEW REPORT IS GOING TO BE ABOUT CONSTRUCTION. THE
8 C.E.O. ALSO SAID THERE WOULD BE PRELIMINARY DESIGNS COMING
9 FROM THIS GROUP. YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH REPORTS. YOU DO NOT NEED TO
10 MOVE FORWARD ON THIS. AND CHOOSING A.E.C.O.M. WHICH I SAY THEY
11 ARE PRIMARILY A GROUP THAT DEVELOPS PRISONS. AND WE ARE
12 REQUESTING THAT THE SHERIFF NOT BE ABLE TO CREATE AN EMPIRE OF
13 A JAIL SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES. THEY DO NOT RUN THEIR JAILS
14 PROPERLY NOW.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY.

17

18 **CAROL SMITH:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT PERSON,
21 PLEASE. AND IF YOU'D GIVE US YOUR NAME, WE'D BE APPRECIATIVE.

22

23 **BRANDY BROWN:** MY NAME IS BRANDY BROWN. THE PROPOSED EXPANSION
24 OF THE JAILS IS A OH- THE WAR ON YOUTH. WITHOUT YOUTH CENTERS,
25 JOBS AND INTERVENTION WORKERS, OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR STREETS ARE



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1 PREPARING US FOR JAILS. THIS IS MY STORY. IN A WORLD FILLED
2 WITH CHANGES EACH AND EVERY DAY I FEEL I'M BEING JUDGED FOR
3 WHAT I DO AND SAY. I REMEMBER BACK TO BARBIES AND PLAY DATES
4 IN THE PARK WHEN I DID NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S
5 REMARKS. NOW LOOKING IN THE MIRROR TO MY SURPRISE I SEE A
6 COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON STARING IN MY EYES. THE CAREFREE
7 LITTLE GIRL I THOUGHT AT THE AGE OF 4 AND 5 IS NOW A TEEN JUST
8 TRYING TO SURVIVE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME WHAT DO YOU SEE? DO YOU
9 CLUTCH YOUR PURSE AND CROSS THE STREET? DO YOU STOP TO WATCH
10 THE RACIST POLICE WHEN THEY FORCE US DOWN HANDS, KNEES, AND
11 FACE ON CONCRETE? DO YOU SEE A COLLEGE GRAD OR A PREGNANT
12 TEEN? ARE YOU AFRAID OF MY ATTITUDE? DO I SEEM MEAN? DO YOU
13 KNOW I BURIED MY BROTHER AT THE AGE OF 17? DO YOU SEE THE
14 GHETTO OR THE QUEEN IN ME? UNTIL YOU KNOW ME, I CAN NEVER BE
15 FREE.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] I THINK I
18 HEARD A LITTLE CADENCE THERE. PROCEED, YOUR NAME?

19

20 **SONI LOVE:** YES, MY NAME IS SONI. I'M A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN
21 RACE. I'M ONE MORE RESIDENT DEMANDING NO JAIL EXPANSION IN
22 L.A. LOS ANGELES BOASTS A NATIONAL HIGH FORMAL UNEMPLOYMENT
23 RATE OF 14.5 PERCENT WITH AT LEAST 575,000 PEOPLE UNEMPLOYED.
24 AS YOU KNOW, THIS DOES NOT COUNT PEOPLE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED OR
25 WHO HAVE STOPPED SEEKING WORK OUT OF HOPELESSNESS. AND I DON'T



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1 UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE IF CALIFORNIA WAS A COUNTRY UNTO
2 ITSELF, IT WOULD BE THE SIXTH LARGEST. THIS YEAR, WE WILL, LOS
3 ANGELES WILL LOSE 366.4 MILLION FROM MEDI-CAL. MENTAL HEALTH
4 SERVICES, CALWORKS AND IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES DUE TO STATE-
5 LEVEL BUDGET CUTS. SPENDING MORE MONEY ON NEW JAIL AT THIS
6 TIME INSTEAD OF FIGURING OUT HOW TO STEM THE IMPACTS OF THESE
7 CUTS WOULD BE SPITTING IN THE FACE OF THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON
8 THESE SERVICES TO SURVIVE. AND I PUT IN A MOTION THAT WE TAKE
9 THE SALES TAX AND PUT THAT MONEY BACK INTO LOS ANGELES.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? WE WANT TANESHA DENERD TO COME FORWARD.
13 JOSEPH MAIZLISH, JOSE SOLIS, AND JULIO MARQUEZ.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** CAN I DO THE SPEECH IN SPANISH?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU MAY AND WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE HERE TO
18 TRANSLATE FOR YOU. WE'LL HAVE YOU WAIT UNTIL THEY ARE HERE.
19 YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR.

20

21 **JOHN THOMPSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOHN THOMPSON. JOHN
22 WITH A "J" NOT DON. I AM ONE MORE RESIDENT DEMANDING THAT
23 THERE IS NO JAIL EXPANSION IN L.A. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS MORE
24 PEOPLE IN IT THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. IN
25 MANY INSTANCES, L.A. COUNTY SET THE TONE FOR THE REST OF



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1 CALIFORNIA. INEVITABLY FOR THE REST OF THE U.S. THIS IS A HUGE
2 RESPONSIBILITY. AND YOU, AS OUR ELECTED LEADERS AND OFFICIALS,
3 ARE ENTRUSTED TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE BEST FOR THE CITIZENS
4 OF L.A. COUNTY KNOWING IT WILL HAVE GREAT IMPACT ACROSS THE
5 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. HOWEVER, RIGHT NOW WE AREN'T DOING A VERY
6 GOOD JOB. WE HAVE A COUNTY-WIDE HIGH SCHOOL PUSH-OUT RATE OF
7 20 PERCENT AND ONLY 28.4 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE
8 A BACHELOR'S DEGREE. IN 2011 IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT AT LEAST
9 51,340 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY SLEEP OUTSIDE OR IN A HOMELESS
10 SHELTER ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT. AND 40 PERCENT OF THE L.A.
11 RESIDENTS LIVE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE. GIVEN THESE
12 EMBARRASSING STATISTICS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT WE NEED RESOURCES
13 FOR HEALTHCARE, FOR HOUSING, FOR EDUCATION, FOR SOCIAL
14 SERVICES, NOT FOR NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. PLEASE
17 PROCEED.

18

19 **JOSE SOLIZ:** HI, MY NAME IS JOSE SOLIZ, I'M WITH THE YOUTH
20 JUSTICE COALITION ALSO KNOWN AS _____ JUSTICE CENTER. IN
21 THE LAST 20 YEARS WE'VE BEEN SPENDING ON PRISONS. STOP WASTING
22 MONEY, STOP WASTING LIVES. STOP BREAKING UP FAMILIES.
23 CALIFORNIA WAS KNOWN TO HAVE THE BEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND
24 SCHOOLS IN THE ENTIRE WORLD LIKE IN THE '70S AND '80S. THEY
25 WERE SPENDING THREE PERCENT OF THEIR STATE BUDGET ON JAILS AND



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1 ELEVEN PERCENT ON THEIR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. INSTEAD OF
2 GOING 2.6 MILLION DOLLARS ON 393 BEDS, WE SHOULD BE THINKING
3 ABOUT OUR FUTURE POOR COMMUNITIES, HOMELESS PEOPLE AND, AGAIN,
4 STOP THROWING MONEY LIKE IF IT'S A DOLLAR. WE SHOULD SPEND THE
5 MONEY ON MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND CONSTANTLY HAVE MORE GANG
6 INTERVENTION WORKERS. LET'S WORK AND CONCENTRATE MORE ON YOUTH
7 THAT ARE ON PAROLE AND PROBATION. LET'S HELP THEM AND GET THEM
8 BACK ON TRACK. WE SHOULD PROVIDE MORE JOBS AND MORE YOUTH
9 CENTERS AND RESOURCES AT THEIR SCHOOLS. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN
10 EXAMPLE, LET'S DO IT LIKE CHUCOS. IMAGINE HAVING 50 YOUTH
11 CENTERS IN EVERY COMMUNITY. WE WILL SAVE MONEY AND MAKE IT
12 EASIER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY AND
13 HOPE YOU TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION. ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE
14 THROW LOTS OF PEOPLE IN JAIL. AND WHEN JAILS GET TOO FULL, WE
15 BUILD NEW ONES. NOWADAYS, WE HAVE MORE PRISONERS THAN FARMERS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. YOUNG LADY, PLEASE PROCEED.

18

19 **TANISHA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA AND BEING A YOUNG
20 ADULT HERE IN LOS ANGELES, I DON'T REALLY SEE ANY RESOURCES.
21 US YOUTH HAVE NO CENTERS OR SCHOOLS THAT STAY OPEN DAY AND
22 ALMOST NIGHT TO GIVE DIPLOMAS, RESOURCES AND JOB SKILLS TO
23 HELP IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY. WE PUT LITTLE MONEY INTO EDUCATION
24 AND COMMUNITY-BASED THINGS, YET WE SPEND MILLIONS ON JAILS.
25 FINDING A WAY TO CRIMINALIZE ANYONE FROM ADULT TO CHILD. WHAT



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1 A SHAME. WE COULD GET MORE CASE NUMBERS THAN DIPLOMAS, YET WE
2 WANT TO BUILD ANOTHER JAIL? WHICH WE WOULD DO NOTHING BUT
3 FILL. INSTEAD IT SHOULD BE A CLASSROOM FULL OF STUDENTS ON
4 THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS NOT CELLS. WE SHOULD STOP LOCKING UP
5 PEOPLE FOR MINOR OR PERSONAL CRIMES BY HELPING THEM GET ON
6 THEIR FEET SO WE CAN CHANGE THE SYSTEM TO COLLEGE PREP NOT
7 PRISON PREP. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
10 SIR?

11

12 **JULIO MARQUEZ:** MY NAME IS JULIO MARQUEZ AND I'M A YOUTH
13 ORGANIZER AT THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. SO HERE'S A STORY
14 AND IT'S NOT ABOUT A MAN NAMED BRADY. THIS IS A HORRID TRUTH
15 WE FACE. FROM PUSH-OUT TO UNLAWFUL ARREST, WE'RE TREATED LIKE
16 ANIMALS. NUMBERS ARE ALL THEY SEE AND FOR WHAT? MONEY? GREED.
17 YESTERDAY MY LITTLE BROTHER WAS TAKEN OUT OF SCHOOL. FOR WHAT
18 DID HE DO? THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL PUT HIS HANDS ON HIM, WHAT
19 DID HE DO? HE PUSHED BACK. HE BROKE HIS CLIPBOARD. HE'S NOT
20 VIOLENT BUT THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TRIED TO TALK TO HIM TO
21 FIGURE OUT WHAT WAS WRONG? NO. DID HE ASK WHAT BUGGED HIM? NOT
22 AT ALL. IT'S LIKE WE HAVE A SYSTEM DESIGNED TO PERPETUATE THE
23 STATUS QUO AND IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. BY BUILDING ANOTHER
24 JAIL YOU'RE SAYING IT'S ALL RIGHT TO ABUSE POWER. YOU'RE
25 SAYING HEY YOU, DON'T THINK COLLEGE, WE NEED PRISONERS BECAUSE



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1 WE WANT MONEY. YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE PRISONS WILL BENEFIT THE
2 WORLD? OF COURSE NOT. BUT APPARENTLY MONEY DOES TALK. AND THIS
3 IS WHAT YOU'RE TELLING MY BROTHER AND OTHERS ALIKE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR.

6

7 **JOE MAIZLISH:** MY NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH. THANK YOU FOR THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKED THE
9 QUESTION OF HOW IS IT THAT A PROPOSAL FOR JUST WORKING ON THE
10 CENTRAL JAIL BECOMES SO MUCH MORE, GETS ADDED INTO IT, HARD TO
11 DISTINGUISH? I THINK THE ANSWER IS THAT IT IS MUCH EASIER TO
12 STUDY HOW TO BUILD A BUILDING THAN IT IS HOW TO RE-THINK THE
13 HUMAN REALITIES THAT ARE GOING ON. I'M GRATIFIED THAT THERE'S
14 SOME EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION ON THE BOARD TO GET INTO THAT HARD
15 WORK OF DOING THAT HUMAN WORK; HOWEVER, IN THIS REPORT FROM
16 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF JANUARY 24TH, DATED TODAY, CAME OUT A
17 FEW DAYS AGO, THERE ARE JUST TWO SENTENCES ABOUT ANALYZING
18 PROGRAMMATIC ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. AND IT'S AS
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID, THAT'S THE STUFF THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO
20 TURN INTO THE PRACTICAL PROPOSALS AND REPORTS. WE'VE HEARD
21 SOME THINGS ALREADY FROM MY COLLEAGUES HERE. I'M PROUD TO BE A
22 SUPPORTER OF YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION ABOUT MANY, MANY
23 ALTERNATIVE THINGS THAT THEY SEE ON THE STREETS AND IN THEIR
24 LIVES COULD BE HELPFUL TO THEM. ONE OTHER POINT, SUPERVISOR
25 KNABE MENTIONED THERE MAY BE SOME THINGS OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW



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1 OF THE BOARD THAT KEEP LOADING THIS LOAD ONTO YOU FOLKS AND
2 ONTO OUR COUNTY. I THINK THE BOARD IS A PERFECT BODY TO MAKE A
3 STATEMENT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNORS AND SAY
4 WE NEED MAJOR REVISIONS IN THE CRIMINAL CODE, THINGS THAT USED
5 TO BE MISDEMEANORS BE MADE FELONIES AND SENTENCES HAVE BEEN
6 WAY STRETCHED OUT, WAY BEYOND ANY SENSE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

9

10 **JOE MAIZLISH:** THE STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD TO ALL THE
11 LEGISLATORS FROM OUR COUNTY WOULD SURE HELP MOVE THAT. IT'S
12 OUTSIDE YOUR PURVIEW. REACH OUTSIDE THE BOX AND DO IT.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 I'M GOING TO CALL NOW ON SAM BLUECORN, FAITH PHILLIPS. DAVID
16 CHAVEZ, AND CHRISTINE PORFILIO. AND YOUNG LADY THE FLOOR IS
17 YOURS. GIVE US YOUR NAME.

18

19 **JENNIFER:** (SPANISH). GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JENNIFER. I'M
20 HERE REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATION FOR YOUTH JUSTICE
21 COALITION. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT INSTEAD OF SPENDING THE
22 MONEY BUILDING MORE JAILS, IT SHOULD BE USED WHEN PEOPLE GO
23 AND VISIT FAMILY MEMBERS IN JAIL, FOR CHILDREN AND FRIENDS AND
24 FAMILY MEMBERS THAT GO AND VISIT INMATES INSTEAD OF BEING
25 STANDING UP. MAYBE BUILD SOMETHING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND



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1 CHILDREN BECAUSE WAITING IN LINE TO VISIT INMATES IT'S ABOUT
2 TWO TO THREE HOURS WAIT. I WOULD LIKE TO LET THE BOARD, THIS
3 BOARD KNOW TO PLEASE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT IF IT WAS
4 YOUR OWN CHILDREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS WAITING IN LINE, IT'S NOT
5 FAIR. PLEASE JUST MANAGE TO BUILD SOMETHING MORE FOR THE
6 FAMILY MEMBERS THAT GO TO JAIL AND VISIT THE INMATES.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THOSE WHOSE
9 NAMES THAT I CALLED THAT WE ASKED THAT YOU COME FORWARD NOW
10 AND TAKE YOUR SEAT AND PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF THE
11 TESTIMONY. HENRY SANDOVAL. SAMRHYA SABA. FANYA BARUTI. ALL
12 THOSE PERSONS SHOULD COME FORWARD SO WE CAN PROCEED
13 ACCORDINGLY. WE BEGIN WITH YOU, SIR, SO WE CAN PROCEED.

14

15 **DAVID CHAVEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DAVID CHAVEZ AND I'M
16 FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. PART OF CURB, CALIFORNIANS
17 UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I SEE TWO BOARD MEMBERS IN
18 FRONT OF ME. THAT'S REALLY NICE OUT OF FIVE AND THAT'S LESS
19 THAN 50 PERCENT. IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE REALLY THINKING OF
20 SUPPORTING MORE CAGES. WHAT L.A. ARE YOU LIVING IN? YOU SHOULD
21 PREPARING ACROSS GRADUATION STAGES. ARE CHILDREN GETTING PLAY
22 PLACES, YOU KNOW, PARKS, SCHOOLS, SAFE SPACES? INSTEAD OUR
23 YOUTH ARE MORE WORRIED ABOUT CATCHING CASES. BECAUSE WHEN THEY
24 STEP OUTSIDE THEY GOT POLICE AND SHERIFFS POINTING GUN IN
25 THEIR FACES. LET'S FACE IT. LEE BACA'S SHOULD BE WASTED. LOCK



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1 HIM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY IS OUTDATED. LIKE OLD MILK THAT
2 GETS YOU CONSTIPATED. MY STOMACH IS HURTING BECAUSE OUR FUTURE
3 IS ABOUT TO BE TRADED WITH MORE MONIES BEING PLACED INTO
4 LOCKUPS, WALLS, THEN GATED. LET'S GET CREATIVE. LET'S INVEST
5 IN PEOPLE. IT'S NOT THAT COMPLICATED DON'T GIVE CONSENT TO
6 BACA'S TERROR SQUAD THEY'RE ALL JADED. I JUST WANT TO QUICKLY
7 SAY THAT NO WOMEN'S CAGES AT PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER. PLEASE
8 DON'T EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A.E.C.O.M. I JUST WANT TO LET
9 EVERYONE KNOW WHO IS WATCHING THIS ON TV PLEASE COME OUT NEXT
10 WEEK OR CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS AGENDA ITEM. WE CANNOT ALLOW
11 THE COUNTY TO BUILD MORE COUNTY JAILS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR NAME?

14

15 **FAITH PHILLIPS:** MY NAME IS FAITH PHILLIPS. I'M WITH THE T.G.I.
16 JUSTICE PROJECT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXCELLENT PROCEED, PLEASE.

19

20 **FAITH PHILLIPS:** THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE OPPORTUNITY
21 TODAY TO MAKE A PRECEDENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE
22 COUNTRY AT LARGE AS WHAT HAPPENS IN LOS ANGELES SETS THE BAR
23 FOR WHAT IS DONE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. YOU HAVE THE CHOICE TO
24 EITHER PLACE THE MONEY AND DISCUSSION IN THE HANDS OF A TYRANT
25 OR IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNITY. SHERIFF LEE BACA, WHO IS THE



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1 OVERSEER OF THE MOST BRUTAL COUNTY JAIL IN THE COUNTRY,
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPUTIES WHO BRUTALIZE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE,
3 TERRORIZE BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SHERIFF
4 LEE BACA DOESN'T CARE ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. HE CARES ABOUT JOB
5 SECURITY FOR HIS CRONIES. YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE
6 THIS MONEY INTO PROGRAMS THAT TRUELY REDUCE CRIME. SOCIAL
7 SERVICES AND EDUCATION AND OUR YOUTH. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SHALL WE
10 PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **SAM BLUECORN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS BLUECORN. I'M AN ORGANIZER AT
13 THE Y.G.C.N. A STUDENT AT EL CAMINO COLLEGE. I GREW UP IN
14 SOUTH CENTRAL WHERE WE THE YOUTH ARE TREATED AS PRISONERS
15 WHERE THE DROPOUT RATE IS 60 PERCENT. MIND BOGGLING. WHERE
16 SECURITY GUARDS IN MY HIGH SCHOOL WALKED AROUND WITH LOADED
17 GUNS. WE ARE HARASSED BY COPS AND PEOPLE PUSHED OUT OF SCHOOL
18 AND INTO THE JAIL SYSTEM. WHERE THE COPS SHINE A LIGHT ON YOU
19 FOR WALKING AT NIGHT LIKE SOME SORT OF WATCH TOWER. WHERE COPS
20 YELL OUT THEIR PATROL CARS "WHO'S THE BIGGEST GANG?" WHERE IF
21 YOU'RE PULLED OVER BY THE COPS, YOU'RE GUILTY BEFORE PROVEN
22 INNOCENT. WHERE YOU'RE SHOVED INTO THE PATROL CARS BEFORE
23 BEING TOLD WHAT YOU DID. WHERE YOUR RIGHTS SOMETIMES GO
24 UNREAD. WHERE WE THE YOUTH ARE CONDITIONED TO HAVE A CRIMINAL
25 MINDSET, MEANING THAT WE ARE FORCED INTO BELIEVING THAT OUR



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1 BIGGEST ASPIRATION IN LIFE IS TO END UP IN A CAGE WITH TWO
2 BEDS, FOUR WALLS AND LITTLE TO NO SUNSHINE. OR THE EXCEPTION
3 IS GOING TO COLLEGE INSTEAD OF THE GENERAL RULE. WHAT BACA IS
4 PROPOSING DOES NOTHING TO REMEDY THESE PROBLEMS. IT ONLY
5 PERPETUATES THE IDEALS THAT WE HAVE BEEN CONDITIONED TO
6 BELIEVE. WHAT WE NEED IS NOT ANOTHER JAIL. BUT MORE PROGRAMS
7 TO HELP INSTILL THE COLLEGE MINDSET INTO US, THE YOUTH. YOUTH
8 CENTERS TO PREVENT CRIME, STUDENT CENTERS TO HELP US STAY IN
9 SCHOOL AND NOT OUT OF SCHOOL. THESE FUNDS COULD BE PART TO
10 BETTER USE THAN PROFITS OR JAILS. THEY COULD BE USED TO HELP
11 FUND OR START SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP
12 TO ENCOURAGE US TO GO TO SCHOOL.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO RIGHT AHEAD, YOUNG LADY.

16

17 **SAMYRHA SABA:** OKAY. MY NAME IS SAMYRHA SABA. TODAY WE DON'T
18 SEE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TAKING THE STREETS DEMANDING THAT WE
19 NEED TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF JAILS IN LOS ANGELES. THE DEMANDS
20 I HAVE HEARD ARE FROM YOUTH ASKING AND HOPING THAT NEXT SCHOOL
21 YEAR THEIR SCHOOL BUSES WON'T BE TAKEN AWAY OR TEACHERS
22 HOLDING UP PINK SLIPS BECAUSE THERE ISN'T MONEY FOR EDUCATION.
23 I KNOW THIS COUNTRY HAS GROWN OBSESSED AND HAS ABUSED THE
24 SYSTEM OF INCARCERATION. I KNOW THAT WE CANNOT SEPARATE
25 POVERTY AND RACISM FROM THIS DISCUSSION WHEN THE VAST MAJORITY



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1 OF PEOPLE INCARCERATED ARE BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE OF MIDDLE
2 AND LOWER CLASS HOUSEHOLDS. I KNOW THAT WHEN THE HIGHEST
3 DENSITY OF POLICE OFFICERS IS FOUND AMONGST ALLIES POOREST
4 COMMUNITY OF SKID ROW WHERE THERE'S A LACK OF SHELTER AND FOOD
5 AND AN ABUNDANCE OF PEOPLE IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH
6 ASSISTANCE, LOS ANGELES DOES NOT SEND THEM A FLOOD OF HEALERS
7 OR THERAPISTS OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, BUT HAS SENT OFFICERS,
8 WHO TICKET, INCARCERATE, ABUSE AND EVEN KILLED HOMELESS
9 INDIVIDUALS. I KNOW THAT INCARCERATION IS UNHEALTHY,
10 PRODUCTIVE OR SAFE INTENT AT HELPING THE COMMUNITY AS I KNOW
11 AND I HAVE SEEN THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF INCARCERATION. TAKE
12 2.66 BILLION DOLLARS AND PUT THEM IN EDUCATION OR BUILD A
13 CENTER FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. I
14 KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN GRANTED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN GRANTED THE
15 DECISION TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE LIVES AND AFFECT
16 THE COMMUNITIES. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T WANT TO
17 HAPPEN. THIS IS A DECISION NOT FOR THE COMMUNITY BUT FOR THE
18 INTERESTS OF OTHERS AND NOT FOR US.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **CHRISTIAN PORFILLO:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRS OF SUPERVISORS, MY
23 NAME IS CHRISTIAN ALAN PORFILLO AND I AM A STUDENT IN EAST LOS
24 ANGELES COLLEGE. TWO-POINT-SIX BILLION DOLLARS, WOW, ISN'T
25 THAT A LOT OF MONEY? DO YOU KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO WITH THAT



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1 MONEY? HERE, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO. I'LL BUILD MORE
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGES, MORE COMMUNITY CENTERS AND MORE SHELTERS.
3 INSTEAD OF USING IT FOR CAPITALIST PURPOSES. HOW AMAZING IS
4 THAT? WITHOUT A LOT OF MONEY, I WOULD RATHER HAVE
5 REHABILITATION CENTERS AND SHELTERS FOR THE HOMELESS IN SKID
6 ROW INSTEAD OF SEEING THEM GETTING HARASSED BY THE POLICE FOR
7 QUOTE UNQUOTE "ACTING UP". IN MY PERSONAL STORY I HAVE NEVER
8 ABOUT INTO JAIL NEITHER WOULD I WANT TO BE IN JAIL. BUT I KNOW
9 A LOT OF MY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IN JAIL AND THEY ALWAYS DESCRIBE
10 TO ME IN DEEP DETAIL HOW BADLY THEY WERE TREATED BY THOSE
11 SECURITY PEOPLE AND HOW BADLY THE FOOD WAS. [LAUGHTER.] I AM
12 SICK AND TIRED OF SEEING MY PEOPLE, PEOPLE OF COLOR, GOING TO
13 JAIL. INSTEAD I WOULD WANT TO SEE THEM GO TO COLLEGE AND MAKE
14 A CAREER OUT OF THEMSELVES. I AM SAYING THIS FROM THE HEART.
15 USING ALL THIS MONEY INSTEAD OF THIS JAIL EXPANSION, I WOULD
16 RATHER SEE FUTURE GENERATIONS TELLING ME HOW WONDERFUL THEIR
17 EDUCATION IS WITHOUT THE USAGE OF THE MONEY FOR COMMUNITY
18 CENTERS RATHER THAN HEARING THEIR EXPERIENCE IN JAIL. HOLD ON,
19 I'M NOT DONE YET.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HOLD ON, NOW, SIR. YOUNG MAN?

22

23 **CHRISTIAN PORFILLO:** THE CAREER I WANT TO PURSUE IN THE FUTURE
24 IS BE A COLLEGE PROFESSOR AND I SAY I WANT TO BUILD MORE
25 COLLEGES AND STOP EXPANDING JAILS. I WANT STUDENTS TO SET A



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1 PROPER EDUCATION. I WANT MORE PROFESSORS THROUGHOUT MORE
2 CLASSES AND JOBS RATHER THAN TO HAVE BUDGET CUTS AND IMPACT
3 CLASSES BECAUSE I'VE ABOUT IN THERE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY.

6

7 **CHRISTIAN PORFILLO:** I SHOULD HAVE BEEN, I SHOULD HAVE WISHED
8 THE EXPERIENCE--

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUNG MAN? CAN I GET YOUR ATTENTION FOR A
11 MOMENT, RIGHT HERE. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. I'VE GIVEN YOU MORE
12 TIME.

13

14 **CHRISTIAN PORFILLO:** CAN YOU GIVE ME 15 MORE SECONDS?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I CAN GIVE YOU HALF OF THAT AND YOU SHOULD
17 WRAP IT UP? OKAY? FAIR ENOUGH.

18

19 **CHRISTIAN PORFILLO:** TODAY I HAD TO MISS CLASS JUST TO COME
20 HERE TO TESTIFY TO EXPRESS HOW ANGRY I AM AT THIS. DO YOU KNOW
21 WHAT? MORE SCHOOLS, LESS JAILS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAVE A
22 VERY LOVELY DAY.

23



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD TESTIMONY. ALL
2 RIGHT, LET'S PROCEED. OBSERVE THE TIME RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE
3 IMPOSED. AND WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THIS JUST FINE. PROCEED.

4

5 **HENRY:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS HENRY FROM THE
6 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I COME HERE UPON THE JAIL EXPANSION
7 FOR 393 BEDS. TWO-POINT-SIX BILLION DOLLARS, I DID SOME
8 HEALTHY CALCULATIONS. AND THESE POWERFUL LIFE CHANGING NUMBERS
9 CAME UP WITH TWO-POINT-SIX BILLION DOLLARS IT COULD PROVIDE
10 1,300 COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH A 500,000 DOLLAR BUDGET OR 750
11 COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH A ONE MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET. CREATE
12 13,000 PEACE MAKERS-SLASH-GANG INTERVENTION WORKERS ACROSS
13 L.A. COUNTY. AND BEST OF ALL, WHAT OUR PEOPLE NEED, 650,000
14 CAREER-LEADING JOBS, NOT ONLY FOR THE YOUTH BUT FOR OUR
15 PEOPLE. NOW, COMPARE THESE NUMBERS TO 393 BEDS TO LOCK UP
16 SOMEBODY. COMPARE THAT NUMBER TO 393 BEDS. JUST TO LOCK UP
17 SOMEBODY. WHAT DO YOU THINK THESE NUMBERS CAN DO? WHAT DO
18 THESE NUMBERS MEAN TO YOU GUYS? THAT'S IT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING
21 TO CALL ON MARIELLA SABA. MARIELLA SABA. NYABIMGI KUTI,
22 STEPHEN DOWNING. KWAZI NKURMAHM GEORGE MICETI. IF YOU WOULD
23 COME FORWARD. EXCELLENT. PROCEED, SIR.

24



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1 **FANYA BARUTI:** YES MY NAME IS FANYA BARUTI. I'M AN ORGANIZER
2 FOR ALL OF US OR NONE WHICH IS A PROJECT OF THE NEW WAY FOR
3 LIFE REENTRY. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE JUSTIFICATION
4 OF THE SHERIFF TRYING TO POUR OUT MORE MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL
5 BEDS. I THINK THAT WHEN YOU SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT PUBLIC
6 SAFETY, IT'S A TRAVESTY JUST TO LOCK PEOPLE UP CONTINUOUSLY.
7 ANTONOVICH SPOKE EARLIER ABOUT GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE NATION
8 AND HOW THEY ADDRESS THE PHYSICAL CRISIS. WELL, YOU KNOW, IF
9 WE LOOK AT THOSE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING THINGS IN OTHER
10 PLACES ON REENTRY, WHICH IS ALSO REINTEGRATION, THAT MEANS
11 THAT WE NEED MORE JOBS, WE NEED MORE HEALTH SERVICES, WE NEED
12 MORE SOCIAL SERVICES. AND WITHOUT YOU REALLY LOOKING AT THOSE
13 THINGS AND REALLY HAVING THESE PEOPLE THAT DO THESE REPORTS,
14 FIVE-POINT-SIX MILLION, YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION WOULD HAVE
15 DONE IT FOR CHEAPER.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
18 YOUNG LADY.

19

20 **MARIELLA SABA:** HELLO MY NAME IS MARIELLA SABA, THIS VOTE FOR
21 JAIL EXPANSION IS A PHONY AND A SHAME. TODAY WE ARE NOT VOTING
22 ON WHETHER WE SHOULD BUILD ANOTHER JAIL OR BUILD ANOTHER
23 SCHOOL. YOU ARE VOTING ON WHETHER WE SHOULD BUILD ANOTHER JAIL
24 OR NOT. ANOTHER JAIL OR NOT. NOWHERE IN THIS DECISION IS THERE
25 A REAL SOLUTIONS. THIS PLAN IS MASKED BY LIES OF COURSE. THE



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1 ARGUMENTS USED IN FAVOR OF SUCH A PROPOSAL SUPPORT BUILDING
2 MORE JAILS IN THE NAME OF SAFETY AND SECURITY. WHEN YOU
3 CONSIDER MAKING THIS DECISION BASED UPON SAFETY AND SECURITY,
4 CONSIDER WHOSE SECURITY YOU'RE LOOKING OUT FOR; THE BANKERS,
5 THE CONTRACTORS, YOUR OWN, THE SHERIFFS, THE WAR ON DRUGS? OR
6 ARE YOU LOOKING OUT FOR ME AND FOR MY BROTHER AND MY SISTER?
7 OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. WE WILL NOT
8 ALLOW YOU TO PLAY MONOPOLY GAMES WITH OUR LIVES LIKE THIS. WE
9 ARE NOT HERE TO NEGOTIATE A DECISION. WE ARE HERE TO DEMAND
10 THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY VOTE NO ON THIS SICKENING PROPOSAL AND
11 MAKE IT A DUTY IN YOUR HEART TO RECONSIDER YOUR POWER AND PUT
12 IT INTO GOOD PRACTICE. IF YOU DARE CHOOSE TO CARRY ON WITH
13 YOUR DECISION TO VOTE FOR A TWO-POINT-SIX-SIX BILLION DOLLAR
14 RACIST, SEXIST, CLASSIST, HOMOPHOBIC, ETCETERA, ETCETERA,
15 HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATING PROPOSAL. [APPLAUSE.] WE, THE PEOPLE,
16 WILL HAVE TO PUT A STOP TO YOUR BAD POWER AND INTENTIONALLY
17 DAMAGING THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO LISTEN TO.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I ASK YOU TO CONCLUDE.

20

21 **MARIELLA SABA:** 10 MORE SECONDS. WE ARE COMMITTED IN A LIFE OF
22 STRUGGLE AS A PEOPLE TO ASSURE THAT YOU AND ALL WHO THOSE WHO
23 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH CRIMES ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE,
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE YOU VOTE TO CAUSE IN FAVOR OF THIS
25 VOTE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, ALRIGHT, NEXT
3 SPEAKER PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **STEPHEN DOWNING:** GOOD MORNING. I CUT MY REMARKS BY TWO-THIRDS
6 AND GIVEN THE SERGEANT AT ARMS COPIES OF MY FULL TESTIMONY. MY
7 NAME'S STEPHEN DOWNING. I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
8 I'M A RETIRED DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE LOS ANGELES
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE
10 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST PROHIBITION, AN
11 ORGANIZATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS WHO BEAR
12 PERSONAL WITNESS TO THE WASTEFUL FUTILITY AND HARMS OF OUR
13 CURRENT DRUG POLICIES AND THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE
14 FACILITY AND POPULATION GROWTH AFFORDED THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL
15 COMPLEX. RATHER THAN BUILD MORE PRISONS, WE SHOULD BE
16 IMPLEMENTING POLICIES THAT HELP REDUCE THE CHOICES THAT POLICE
17 MAKE ABOUT WHICH PEOPLE TO TARGET, WHAT TO TARGET THEM FOR AND
18 WHEN TO ARREST AND BOOK THEM. THE PROHIBITIONIST POLICIES, AND
19 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANYTHING FROM SHERIFF BACA OR COOLEY
20 BECAUSE THEY'RE HARDCORE PROHIBITIONISTS, THEY'VE DEMONSTRATED
21 THAT IN THE PAST. BUT THE PROHIBITIONIST POLICIES OF THIS
22 COUNTRY HAVE DESTROYED GENERATIONS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, FUELED
23 THE GROWTH OF STREET GANGS IN LOS ANGELES FROM TWO WITH A
24 MEMBERSHIP OF LESS THAN 100 40 YEARS AGO, TO 33,000 ACROSS THE
25 NATION WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 1,500,000. TWO YEARS AGO THE



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1 CARTELS CONTROLLED THE DRUG TRADE IN 250 AMERICAN CITIES.
2 TODAY THEY OCCUPY 1,000 AMERICAN CITIES. THE CARTEL, STREET
3 AND PRISON GANGS AND THE INDUSTRIAL PRISON COMPLEX WILL
4 CONCEDE NOTHING UNTIL THEIR POWER IS TORN AWAY. AND THE ONLY
5 WAY TO DO THAT IS BY ELIMINATING THE DRUG POLICY THAT HAS
6 ALLOWED THEM RATHER THAN THE PEOPLE, TO THRIVE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

9

10 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI, DIRECTOR OF POLICY FOR THE
11 CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY OF CALIFORNIA. CELESTE KING IV
12 WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TODAY BUT HE'S BEEN WORKING CEASELESSLY
13 FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME ON AB-109 AND ITS EFFECTS, WHICH
14 THIS ISSUE IS ONE OF THOSE. DEAR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 SUPERVISORS, IN LIGHT OF THE NEW MANDATES OF AB-109 WHICH
16 CHANGES THE CURRENT MISSION OF THE COUNTY JAILS TO
17 INCARCERATION OF INMATES WITH MID AND LONG TERM SENTENCES, WE
18 MUST REDESIGN THESE FACILITIES. THIS DEMANDS A COMPLETE
19 REDESIGN OF THE CURRENT INADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADDRESS
20 THE NEEDS AND SAFETY OF BOTH THOSE EMPLOYED IN CUSTODIAL
21 SERVICES AND INCARCERATED PERSONS. PREDICATED UPON HISTORICAL
22 PRECEDENCE, THE COMPRESSION OF INMATES IN FACILITIES DESIGNED
23 FOR SHORT-TERM INCARCERATION WILL EVENTUALLY EXPLODE IN
24 VIOLENCE TO THE DETRIMENT OF ALL CONCERNED. CURRENT MODELS OF
25 INCARCERATION WITH HIGH RECIDIVISM RATES CAN IN SOME LARGE



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1 DEGREE BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF
2 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE SKILL SETS TO RETURN AND
3 BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. AS SUCH, WE AT CORE
4 CALIFORNIA PROPOSE SHERIFF BACA'S PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF
5 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WITHIN THE CUSTODIAL FRAMEWORK WITH A LOT
6 OF THOSE INMATES CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPPORTUNITY TO
7 BECOME PRODUCTIVE CONTRIBUTORS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES
8 AND SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. I
11 AM GOING TO CALL THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND HEAR FROM THE PERSONS
12 IDENTIFY YOURSELVES. JACKIE GOLDBERG. LESLIE MENDOZA. JOHANNA
13 AGUILAR. CLAUDIA GOMEZ. DANIEL OLMOS. ALL RIGHT. THOSE PERSONS
14 SHOULD COME FORWARD. YOUR NAMES, PLEASE.

15

16 **KRUTI PAREKH:** HELLO, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH AND
17 I'M WITH FREE L.A. HIGH SCHOOL AND A PROUD MEMBER OF C.U.R.B.,
18 CALIFORNIA'S UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I'M A TEACHER,
19 I'M AN ORGANIZER, I'M A COUNSELOR, I'M A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR
20 AND THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HERE WITH ME. I KNOW A LOT OF
21 THINGS, BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO USE AN IPHONE OR
22 TWITTER. SO WHEN I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THESE THINGS, I COME
23 TO THE EXPERTS THAT ARE WE ME HERE, THEY WILL TEACH ME WITHOUT
24 A MANUAL, WITHOUT PAYING A LOT OF MONEY FOR CONSULTANTS. THEY
25 WILL TEACH ME WHAT I NEED TO KNOW. I'M ASKING THAT YOU TAKE



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1 THE MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE IN ORANGE SHIRTS TODAY
2 INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU WANT TO
3 CREATE A SAFE COMMUNITY, HOW YOU WANT TO-- WE'RE ASKING FOR NO
4 MORE JAILS, I THINK THAT'S PRETTY CLEAR TODAY, RIGHT? WE WANT
5 TO GIVE YOU ALL OF THE SOLUTIONS THAT YOU NEED FOR A BETTER
6 AND BRIGHTER LOS ANGELES. WE TALKED ABOUT 100 MILLION DOLLARS.
7 I WANT YOU TO REALIZE THAT 100 MILLION DOLLARS FOR L.A.
8 COUNTY, C.E.O., IS 50 YOUTH CENTERS AROUND L.A. COUNTY PLUS
9 25,000 JOBS, PLUS 500 PEACE BUILDERS, COMMUNITY SAFETY
10 FACILITATORS. SO I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE USE US. WE ARE IN
11 PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU TO CREATE A BETTER LOS ANGELES. THANK
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY VERY MUCH. I
15 CALLED SEVERAL OTHER NAMES AND I ASK THAT THEY COME FORWARD.
16 MOVING ON NOW TO KRUTI PAREKH, JULIE LEVINE, MOLLY TALCOTT,
17 GERI SILVA. ALL RIGHT, YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

18

19 **JOANNA:** MY NAME IS JOANNA AND I'M FROM THE Y.J.C. YOUTH
20 JUSTICE COALITION. BEING A YOUTH FROM SOUTH CENTRAL, I SEE
21 MANY ATROCITIES THE YOUTH GO THROUGH. COMING FROM AN AREA
22 WHERE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE IS 60 PERCENT, MUCH HIGHER THAN
23 GRADUATION, I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THIS SYSTEM IS
24 NOT WORKING FOR US. TODAY THE YOUTH IN POVERTY STRICKEN
25 COMMUNITIES ARE BEING AFFECTED THE MOST. WE ARE BEING PUSHED



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1 OUT OF SCHOOLS AND PUSHED INTO THE JAIL SYSTEM, A SYSTEM THAT
2 IS BUILT ON GREED, HATE AND EXPLOITATION. AND BECAUSE OF THAT
3 GREED, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE BEING WASTED ON THE WAR ON
4 YOUTH AND THE EXPANSION OF JAILS. CAGES ARE RAPIDLY INCREASING
5 AND SLOWLY BREAKING US APART. MOTHERS, FATHERS ARE BEING TAKEN
6 AWAY FROM THEIR CHILDREN AND KIDS NEVER HAVE A CHANCE TO LIVE
7 ARE BEING LOCKED UP FOR LIFE. ALTHOUGH THIS IS A LONG PROCESS,
8 WE CAN START BY LOOKING AT HOW MONEY IS BEING INVESTED. THIS
9 AREA HAS NO MONEY FOR SCHOOL AND OTHER PROGRAMS, BUT YEAH,
10 THERE'S MONEY FOR THE JAIL SYSTEM. IT IS CLEAR THAT IN THE
11 SYSTEM, PROFIT IS PUT OVER PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE, EXCELLENT.
14 GOOD TIMING. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **LESLIE MENDOZA:** MY NAME IS LESLIE MENDOZA, I'M FROM THE YOUTH
17 JUSTICE COALITION AND I'M A STUDENT AT FREE L.A. HIGH SCHOOL.
18 TWO-POINT-SIXTY-SIX BILLION DOLLARS, THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY.
19 MONEY THAT'S GOING TO SPENT ON BUILDING A NEW JAIL? ARE YOU
20 SERIOUS? THAT MONEY CAN BE USED TO CLEAN UP SKID ROW OR HELP
21 THE ONES WHO NEED HELP THE MOST. OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY THAT'S
22 KNOWN FOR ITS FAMOUS STARS AND SKYLINES IS QUICKLY
23 DETERIORATING. OUR PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING LOSS OF JOBS. NO MONEY
24 COMING INTO FAMILIES. FAMILIES SUFFERING FOR POVERTY. WHO'S
25 THE ONE TO BLAME FOR THE MONEY BEING SPENT? PEOPLE YELL



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1 "BACA", SHERIFF LEE BACA TO BE EXACT. BUT IT'S NOT ALL GOING
2 TO BE HIS FAULT. IF YOU GUYS AGREE WITH HIS PETITION, YOU GUYS
3 ARE GOING TO BE BLAMED, ALSO. PREPARE TO FEEL THE WRATH OF THE
4 L.A. PEOPLE. PREPARE TO FEEL THE GUILT ON PUTTING LOW INCOME
5 FAMILIES ON MORE STRESS. YOU GUYS DON'T GO HOME TO A FAMILY
6 WITH A HOME THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING. BUT I
7 HAVE TO GO HOME A FAMILY THAT IS TRYING TO SURVIVE. PUT THAT
8 MONEY FOR SOMETHING BETTER, MY EDUCATION. THE EDUCATION I'LL
9 NEED TO DEPEND TO GET A JOB AND SURVIVE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FREE L.A. HIGH
12 SCHOOL.

13

14 **CLAUDIA GOMEZ:** CLAUDIA GOMEZ. NO MORE JAILS, NO MORE
15 INCARCERATION, NO MORE OPPRESSION. L.A. COUNTY ALREADY HAS THE
16 LARGEST COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM AND THE LARGEST SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT IN THE WORLD. IS THIS THE FUTURE WE WANT FOR OUR
18 CHILDREN BECAUSE I DON'T. I DON'T WANT MY DAUGHTER TO SEE THE
19 INEQUIVALENT NUMBER OF JAILS TO COLLEGES OR TO KNOW THAT L.A.
20 COUNTY HAS THE LARGEST INCARCERATED POPULATION AND
21 OVERCROWDING IN THE STATE. INSTEAD. I WANT HER TO KNOW WHAT
22 100 MILLION DOLLARS CAN DO FOR US. IF IT WAS USED TOWARD
23 BETTERING OUR COMMUNITIES INSTEAD OF THE PROPOSED COUNTY JAIL
24 EXPANSION. USING EVEN HALF OF THIS PROPOSED 100 MILLION
25 DOLLARS WOULD BETTER OUR COMMUNITY BY 100 PERCENT. LET'S USE



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1 THIS MONEY TO HIRE ALL THE TEACHERS THAT GOT LAID OFF BECAUSE
2 OF ALL THE ONGOING BUDGET CUTS. LET'S WORK TO END HOMELESSNESS
3 BY PROVIDING HOUSING FOR THEM. LET'S USE THIS MONEY TO CREATE
4 MORE JOBS FOR ALL THE YOUTH AND ALL THE ADULTS WHO ARE
5 UNEMPLOYED IN THESE TIMES OF NEED. LET'S FUND EDUCATION, NOT
6 INCARCERATION, THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE.

9

10 **MOLLY TALCOTT:** HI, MY NAME IS MOLLY TALCOTT. I'M A RESIDENT OF
11 L.A. AND I'M ALSO A PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AT CALIFORNIA STATE
12 UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES. REALLY WHAT I'M HERE TO SAY IS THAT
13 THE MANY VOICES AND THE WISDOM OF THE YOUTH THAT HAVE SPOKEN
14 FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, THEIR IDEAS FOR HOW WE COULD
15 BUILD A BETTER CITY, A CITY THAT RESPECTS AND IS BASED ON
16 HUMAN RIGHTS IS SUBSTANTIATED BY MUCH OF THE SOCIOLOGICAL
17 RESEARCH THAT HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR THE LAST 30-SOME YEARS. THE
18 DOCUMENTS, THE FAILED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES THAT ARE
19 LINKED WITH INCREASING FORMS OF SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND MASS
20 INCARCERATION. AND SO THERE'S BEEN A PLETHORA OF RESEARCH. AND
21 I'LL JUST POINT YOU TO THE LATEST STUDY BY LEGAL PROFESSOR
22 MICHELLE ALEXANDER CALLED "THE NEW JIM CROW: MASS
23 INCARCERATION IN AN AGE OF COLORBLINDNESS", AND IN IT SHE
24 DOCUMENTS THE WAYS IN WHICH WE'RE CREATING NEW CASTE SYSTEMS
25 OF INEQUALITY LINKED TO RACE AND CLASS THROUGH POLICIES OF



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1 MASS INCARCERATION. AND I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY EXTREME
2 OPPOSITION TO BUILDING NEW JAILS IN L.A. THERE'S LOTS MORE WE
3 COULD DO WITH RESOURCES. THE SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH
4 SUBSTANTIATES IT. AND THE YOUTH FROM Y.J.C. ARE ON POINT. SO
5 THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

8

9 **GERI SILVA:** I'M GERI SILVA WITH FAMILIES TO AMEND CALIFORNIA
10 THREE STRIKES FAIR CHANCE PROJECT, CALIFORNIA FAMILIES TO
11 ABOLISH SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. I AM SO OUTDONE BY THE FACT THAT
12 MOST OF THE SUPERVISORS WERE NOT HERE TO LISTEN TO THESE
13 YOUTH. THIS IS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THIS IS THE FUTURE AND
14 YOU'RE NOT HERE TO LISTEN TO THEM EXPRESS THEMSELVES SO
15 BEAUTIFULLY, SO FROM THE HEART. AND WHAT THEY'RE LIVING. BUT
16 LEAVING THAT ASIDE, HOPEFULLY YOU'LL LISTEN TO ME. THE IDEA OF
17 SPENDING EVEN A DOLLAR, EVEN A DOLLAR TO EXPAND OR BUILD THE
18 COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM IS ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS. BACA WAS PART OF
19 A GROUP CALLED "FIGHT CRIME, INVEST IN KIDS". FIVE SHERIFFS,
20 FIVE CHIEFS OF POLICE, FOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, ALL OF WHOM
21 CONCLUDED THAT PUBLIC SAFETY WILL ONLY COME IF WE EDUCATE OUR
22 KIDS. THEY CONCLUDED THAT 68 PERCENT OF PEOPLE IN PRISON ARE
23 HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS. AND THOSE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS ARE FAR
24 MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIMES. THEY SAID THAT. A 10 PERCENTAGE
25 INCREASE IN GRADUATION RATES REDUCES MURDER AND ASSAULT RATES



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1 BY 20 PERCENT. IN REAL NUMBERS, THAT'S 500 MURDERS AND 20,000
2 AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS. THINK ABOUT THAT. HAVE I GONE BEYOND MY
3 TIME?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

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7 **GERI SILVA:** HAVE YOU HEARD ME?

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9 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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11 **GERI SILVA:** I HOPE SO.

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13 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** COLBY LENZ. LET'S KEEP, PLEASE TRY
14 TO KEEP THE APPLAUSE. I'M GOING TO CALL FOUR PEOPLE UP. LENZ
15 COLBY, LISA ALATORRE, PETE WHITE AND DAVID STEIN. COLBY LENZ.

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17 **COLBY LENZ:** SURE.

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19 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:**.. LET ME SEE WHO IS HERE. LISA
20 ALITORRE? AND PETE WHITE? THAT'S NOT YOU. OKAY. YOU'RE DAVID
21 STEIN? OKAY. LET ME ASK JOSEPH THOMAS, IS HE HERE? OKAY. WE
22 HAVE A SEAT FOR YOU UP HERE. GO AHEAD, MS. LENZ.

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24 **COLBY LENZ:** MY NAME IS COLBY LENZ, I'M A MEMBER OF THE
25 CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS, CURB, AND DOING



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1 RESEARCH TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION ACCORDING TO
2 THE RECENT A.C.L.U. REPORT AS YOU KNOW CONDITIONS IN L.A.
3 COUNTY JAILS CONSTITUTE TORTURE. I'VE BEEN VISITING PEOPLE IN
4 STATE PRISON AND COUNTY JAIL IN L.A. FOR THE LAST EIGHT TO
5 NINE YEARS AND HAVE SEEN A LOT OF EVIDENCE OF THIS. IT'S JUST
6 EMBARRASSING FOR L.A. AND THERE'S TONS OF BEDS STILL
7 AVAILABLE. SO BUILDING NEW JAILS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT
8 ALL. I JUST HAD SOMEBODY STAY AT MY HOUSE LAST NIGHT THAT JUST
9 GOT OUT OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PROGRAM
10 THAT WE COULD FIND TO TAKE THEM. SO OTHERWISE, THEY'RE
11 HOMELESS ON THE STREET. THEY'RE GOING TO GET VIOLATED. THEY'RE
12 GOING TO GET SENT BACK INTO THE SYSTEM. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY
13 SENSE. THE MONEY THAT WE NEED, WE NEED THIS TWO-POINT-SIX-SIX
14 BILLION TO GO TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES, TO GO TO TRANSITIONAL
15 LIVING PROGRAMS, TO GO TO EDUCATION, TO GO TO ALL OF THE
16 PROGRAMS THAT THE Y.J.C. HAS OUTLINED. NO MORE JAILS. I STAND
17 IN FIRM OPPOSITION. THANK YOU.

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19 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:**.. THANK YOU. LISA ALITORRE IS NEXT.
20 LET ME CALL UP CHRISTINE, IS IT KNIGHT? CHRISTINE KNIGHT HERE?
21 OKAY.

22

23 **LISA ALITORRE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LISA
24 ALITORRE. I'M FROM CRITICAL RESISTANCE WHICH IS AN
25 ORGANIZATION THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE STATEWIDE ALLIANCE



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1 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I'M ONE MORE
2 CALIFORNIA RESIDENT DEMANDING NO NEW JAIL EXPANSION ANYWHERE
3 ESPECIALLY IN LOS ANGELES. AND THIS COMMUNITY OF ORANGE SHIRTS
4 ARE HERE TO DEMAND THAT YOU REJECT ALL JAIL EXPANSION IN L.A.
5 COUNTY INCLUDING ANY SIX MILLION DOLLAR OR OTHER MILLION
6 DOLLAR REPORTS THAT WILL DONE BY BACA'S FRIENDS TO INSURE
7 THEIR OWN EMPLOYMENT. WE ARE HERE DEMANDING THAT YOU PULL L.A.
8 COUNTY'S AB-900 PHASE II APPLICATION. WITH THE RESOURCES AT
9 HIS DISPOSAL. SHERIFF BACA HAS PRESIDED OVER A DRASTIC
10 HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS. IT IS ABSOLUTELY
11 UNBELIEVABLE THAT HE WOULD COME HERE ASKING TO BUILD NEW JAILS
12 WHEN THE ONES HE'S CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ARE THE MOST
13 NOTORIOUS IN THE COUNTRY. THIS IS WORSE THAN LETTING THE FOX
14 GUARD THE HEN HOUSE. THIS IS LETTING THE FOX BUILD THE HEN
15 HOUSE. NO OFFENSES TO ANY OF OUR SEXY FOXES HERE. THE SCANDALS
16 IN L.A.'S SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SEEM TO COME ONE RIGHT AFTER
17 ANOTHER. THOUSANDS OF CASES OF WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT, A
18 MASSIVE FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION INTO RACIAL
19 DISCRIMINATION, FREQUENT AND ABSOLUTELY BRUTAL JAIL BEATINGS,
20 GUARDS SMUGGLING DRUGS. IN FACT WHEN BACA WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT
21 HIS DEPUTIES SMUGGLING DRUGS IN HIS JAILS HE RESPONDED THAT
22 "EMPLOYEES WHO SMUGGLE DRUGS ARE OFTEN FACING FINANCIAL
23 HARDSHIP." THAT IS WHAT HE SAID. AND ONE WONDERS IF HE
24 EXHIBITS THE SAME EMPATHY TOWARDS THOSE WHO ARE IN HIS JAIL.
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1 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DON'T MAKE ME TURN OFF YOUR MIC,
2 OKAY? DAVID STEIN?

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4 **DAVID STEIN:** MY NAME IS DAVID STEIN, I'M RESEARCHER AT U.S.C.
5 WHO STUDIES HOW AND WHY SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED
6 AND WHY SO MANY FEW HAVE GOTTEN JOBS OVER THE LAST 40 YEARS.
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AS ONE OF THOSE SCHOLARS WHO HOPES TO
8 TEACH THESE STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITIES YOU MENTIONED, I
9 AGREE WITH YOU THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE BLOATING AND RISING
10 FEES IN THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM IS A PROBLEM AND
11 ATTACKS ON L.A.'S WORKING AND NONWORKING CLASS IS NOT THE
12 ANSWER. RATHER, CONTRARY TO JERRY BROWN, I AGREE WITH THE
13 COALITION OF GROUPS AND UNIONS CALLING THEMSELVES REFUND
14 CALIFORNIA THAT ADVOCATES A THREE PERCENT TAX ON PEOPLE MAKING
15 ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND A FIVE PERCENT TAX ON PEOPLE MAKING
16 TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO FUND REAL PUBLIC SAFETY ROOTED IN JOBS,
17 HOUSING, HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION. ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR
18 PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY ARE UNDEREMPLOYED. ONE OUT OF EVERY
19 SEVEN ARE UNEMPLOYED. CAN WE PLEASE TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT
20 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SO-CALLED PUBLIC SAFETY? REAL PUBLIC SAFETY
21 IS NOT TAXING THE 99 PERCENT TO JAIL 99 PERCENT. IT IS TAXING
22 THE ONE PERCENT TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY WITH
23 JOBS, HOUSING AND EDUCATION.

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1 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I CALL ON JOSEPH
2 THOMAS, LET ME CALL TWO OTHER PEOPLE. BECKY DENNISON.

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4 **JOE THOMAS:** I'M JOE THOMAS.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'LL GET TO YOU IN ONE SECOND, MR.
7 THOMAS. BILAL ALI? COME ON DOWN. IMELDA PADILLA. IS IMELDA
8 HERE? OKAY. ALBERT NOVELOZO? MELINA ABDULLAH? IS THAT YOU?
9 OKAY, GREAT. MR. THOMAS.

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11 **JOSEPH THOMAS:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JOSEPH THOMAS, L.A.C.A.N.
12 WHEN I WAS YOUNG, THEY TOOK A BUNCH OF BLACK KIDS, THEY TOOK A
13 BUNCH OF LATINO KIDS AND THEY SAID YOU KNOW WHAT, YOU'VE GOT
14 TO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY. YOU'VE GOT TO SERVE YOUR FLAG. AND IT'S
15 FOR EVERYBODY. NEVER DID WE THINK WHEN WE WENT OVER AND WE
16 CAME BACK THAT WE DID THIS FOR GENTRIFICATION AND WE DID THIS
17 FOR RACIAL PROFILING, THAT WE DID THIS BECAUSE WHEN YOU WANT
18 TO GENTRIFY, YOU WANT TO COME DOWN HERE AND SAY WELL WE'RE NOT
19 IN YOUR PLAN, SO THEREFORE OUR PEOPLE OF COLOR WILL BE
20 INCARCERATED AND THAT'S THE WAY WE'RE GOING GET OUR MONEY. YOU
21 NEVER DID SAY THIS WAS ALL THAT WE AMERICANS WE WOULD HAVE
22 THOUGHT WE WOULD BE TREATED LIKE THIRD WORLD PEOPLE, BUT I'M
23 TELLING YOU THAT AS A BLACK VIETNAM VETERAN AND ALL VETERANS
24 OF COLOR RIGHT NOW, WE COME TO A CONCLUSION. AND OUR



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1 CONCLUSION IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO STAND ON THE LINE AND THIS
2 TIME NO JAIL IS GOING UP, THAT'S IT. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CHRISTINE KNIGHT?

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6 **CHRISTINE KNIGHT:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CHRISTINE KNIGHT. AND I'M
7 ONE MORE RESIDENT DEMANDING NO JAIL EXPANSION L.A. WE DON'T
8 NEED A FIVE-POINT-SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR REPORT TO TELL US WHAT
9 WE ALREADY KNOW. THERE ARE COUNTLESS WAYS TO SAFELY REDUCE THE
10 PRISON POPULATION. AND THE SHERIFF WON'T BE WILLING TO
11 IMPLEMENT THEM UNLESS YOU CUT OFF HIS FUNDS. NO NEW JAILS. NOT
12 NOW, NOT SIX MONTHS FROM NOW, NOT SIX YEARS FROM NOW. WE MUST
13 END THE MASS IMPRISONMENT OF L.A. RESIDENTS. RE-ALIGNMENT
14 COULD HAVE BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE
15 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO HOW WE SUPPORT OUR LOVED ONES COMING
16 HOME. INSTEAD, WE ARE HERE TODAY FIGHTING A HORRENDOUS JAIL
17 EXPANSION PLAN THAT WILL ONLY EXACERBATE THE OVERCROWDING AND
18 RECIDIVISM RATES IN L.A. WE RECEIVED AN INITIAL 112.5 MILLION
19 DOLLARS FOR RE-ALIGNMENT, A MICROSCOPIC AMOUNT WAS ALLOTTED TO
20 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS. THIS MONEY DOES
21 NOTHING TO FILL THE DIRE GAPS FACING L.A. RESIDENTS TODAY, NOR
22 DOES IT LEAVE MUCH TO SUPPORT THE NECESSARY SERVICES AND
23 PROGRAMS FOR TRULY SUPPORTIVE REENTRY THAT WERE SO KINDLY
24 OUTLINED TO YOU TODAY.

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1 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BILAL ALI.

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3 **BILAL ALI:** BILAL ALI, COFOUNDER OCCUPY THE HOOD L.A. FIRST OF
4 ALL, I'M FOR THE BUILDING OF MORE JAILS IF YOU'RE GOING TO
5 JAIL BRUTAL, SADISTIC SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AND YOU'RE GOING TO
6 PUT THE BANKERS IN THERE AND YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THE JIVE-ASS
7 POLITICIANS WHO DEPEND ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO GET
8 REELECTED. I'M FOR THAT. BUILD THEM. PUT THEM IN THERE. I'M
9 GOING TO ADDRESS THIS TO THE TWO PEOPLE OF COLOR, ONE I USED
10 TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH, MARK AND GLORIA MOLINA. DO NOT
11 PERPETRATE THE NEW JIM CROW. DO NOT PERPETRATE MORE
12 CONCENTRATION CAMPS THAT ARE GOING TO LOCK UP PEOPLE THAT LOOK
13 JUST LIKE YOU AND ME BECAUSE THEY LIKE THE CONNECTION AND THE
14 PROTECTION AND THE COMPLEXION. DO NOT SIT HERE AS PEOPLE OF
15 COLOR AND VOTE FOR A JAIL SYSTEM THAT LOCKS UP PEOPLE THAT
16 LOOK LIKE YOU AND ME AND GLORIA MOLINA. SO WE DON'T NEED
17 JAILS. WE NEED JOBS. WE NEED HOUSING. WE NEED EDUCATION. WE
18 NEED HEALTHCARE. AND I DEMAND THAT THIS BOARD BE MORE
19 CREATIVE. IT'S EASY NOT TO COME UP WITH THOSE HUMAN NEEDS, AND
20 THEY COME UP AND SAY LET'S BUILD A NEW JAIL. WE DON'T NEED
21 HANDCUFFS. WE NEED HOUSING. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE JAILS. WE
22 NEED HEALTHCARE. WE NEED EDUCATION.

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24 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MELINA BEFORE WE GET-- [APPLAUSE]

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1 **DR. MELINA ABDULLAH:** HI, MY NAME IS--

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3 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON ONE SECOND. CHRISTIAN
4 CHAVARRIA? IS HE HERE? AMEER MARTIN? IS AMEER MARTIN HERE?
5 OKAY. GREAT. AND DERNISHA HENDERSON. IS DERNISHA HENDERSON
6 HERE? NOT HERE. VERO TORRES? VERO TORRES? JAYTON DAVIS? IS
7 JAYTON DAVIS HERE? OKAY. GREAT. MELINA?

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9 **DR. MELINA ABDULLAH:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DR. MELINA ABDULLAH.
10 I'M THE CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES AND
11 PROFESSOR OF PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES AND POLITICAL SCIENCE AT
12 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. AND I'M HERE ALSO A
13 RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. AND I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M STRONGLY
14 OPPOSED TO THE SPENDING OF THE PROPOSED ONE-POINT-FOUR BILLION
15 DOLLARS, AND ADDITIONAL ONE-POINT-TWO BILLION DOLLARS IN
16 INTEREST TO EXPAND THE JAIL SYSTEM. THE U.S. PRISON POPULATION
17 IS CURRENTLY FIVE TIMES ITS SHARE OF THE WORLD POPULATION.
18 WE'RE AT FIVE PERCENT OF THE WORLD POPULATION AND TWENTY-FIVE
19 PERCENT OF THE PRISON POPULATION. AND L.A. COUNTY IS A LEADER
20 IN THAT. AND THAT'S A POSITION WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE. WE WANT
21 TO BE THE LOSER AND NOT THE LEADER IN THAT SITUATION. A 2011
22 N.A.A.C.P. REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
23 INCARCERATION, SPENDING ON INCARCERATION AND CUTS TO PUBLIC
24 EDUCATION. IN 2007, THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND PUBLISHED THE
25 CRADLE TO PRISON PIPELINE REPORT, WHICH ALSO STATES WHAT NEEDS



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1 TO BE-- THE INVESTMENTS THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO REDUCE CRIME.
2 AN EARLIER RAND STUDY CONFIRMS THAT PREVENTION AND
3 INTERVENTION PROGRAMS INCLUDING QUALITY EDUCATION, COMMUNITY
4 RESOURCES AND JOBS ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF REDUCING
5 CRIME. WHAT JAIL SPENDING SIGNALS IS THAT WE'RE MORE COMMITTED
6 TO A FAILED RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE MODEL RATHER THAN THE
7 REHABILITATIVE MODELS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO HAVE A REAL
8 EFFECT. I'M ALSO THE MOTHER OF THREE BLACK CHILDREN AND IT
9 DISGUSTS ME THAT YOU ALL WOULD CONSIDER LOCKING UP MY CHILDREN
10 BEFORE YOU'D INVEST IN THEIR EDUCATION AND THEIR FUTURE.

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12 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CHRISTIAN CHAVARRIA.

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14 **ALBERT:** I'M ALBERT.

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16 **CHRISTIAN CHAVARRIA:** I'M CHRISTIAN.

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18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO YOU'RE ON. YOU'RE NEXT.

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20 **ALBERT NOVELOZO:** I THINK YOU SKIPPED ME. YOU CALLED ME
21 EARLIER.

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23 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. WE DIDN'T SEE YOU COMING
24 UP. ALBERT NOVELOZO. ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE ON.

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1 **ALBERT NOVELOZO:** MY NAME IS ALBERT NOVELOZO, I'M A MEMBER OF
2 CRITICAL RESISTANCE AND CALIFORNIANS UNITED AGAINST
3 RESPONSIBLE BUDGET, AND ALSO A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
4 CALIFORNIA. JAIL EXPANSION PROPONENTS AREN'T BEING HONEST WHEN
5 THEY TELL YOU THE FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL COSTS OF WHAT JAIL
6 EXPANSION WILL BE. FINANCIALLY SURE, 100 MILLION DOLLARS ARE
7 BECOMING AVAILABLE FOR THE STATE BUT L.A. COUNTY, L.A.
8 RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEBT ASSOCIATED
9 WITH THAT, THE UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE,
10 THE STAFFING AND MANAGEMENT COSTS. AND SPEAKING OF MANAGEMENT,
11 THERE'S THOUSANDS OF BEDS ARE AVAILABLE AS IS IN L.A. COUNTY
12 JAILS. SO THE ISSUE ISN'T NECESSARILY WITH THE BUILDING
13 ITSELF, IT'S THE MANAGEMENT AND THIS REGIME THAT'S IN CHARGE
14 OF IT. SO THE ISSUE IS, ANOTHER ISSUE WITH THIS WHOLE THING IS
15 NOT, LIKE I SAID, IT'S NOT THE BUILDING, IT'S NOT THE
16 MANAGEMENT, IT'S NOT EVEN THE POLICY, IT'S WITH THE IDEOLOGY.
17 THE IDEOLOGY OF PUBLIC SAFETY IS BACKWARDS. IT'S TOTALLY
18 BACKWARDS. IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, WE HAD
19 PROFESSORS, PEOPLE WITH THEIR PH.D.S, ACADEMIC, SCHOLARS,
20 RESEARCHERS AND SO ON THAT ARE BRINGING UP THESE VALIDATED
21 ALTERNATIVES, NOT TO MENTION YOU'VE ALL BEEN OFFERED A COPY OF
22 WELCOME HOME L.A. REPORT. I REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE THESE
23 ALL SERIOUSLY WHAT CONSIDER WHAT "PUBLIC SAFETY: MEANS.
24
25 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CHRISTIAN CHAVARRIA.



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2 **CHRISTIAN CHAVARRIA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN CHAVARRIA.
3 I'M FROM FREE L.A. HIGH SCHOOL, I'M A TEACHER AND I'M AN
4 ADMINISTRATOR, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR. I HAD A PREPARED
5 STATEMENT BUT I'M JUST GOING TO SAY MY OPINION ABOUT WHAT I
6 HEARD EARLIER WHEN IT WAS BEING PROPOSED THAT BILLIONS OF
7 DOLLARS ARE BEING PROPOSED TO MAKE NEW JAILS. CLEARLY, MY
8 MESSAGE IS THERE'S NO NEED FOR MORE JAILS. BUT I THINK THAT
9 MORE AWARENESS SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE A
10 LOT OF PEOPLE HERE FROM THE COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THAT THEY
11 SHOULD BE USED, THEIR OPINIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. ESPECIALLY
12 WHEN YOU PLAN TO USE THOSE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT ARE
13 AVAILABLE OUT THERE. AND I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE INTO
14 CONSIDERATION THAT BECAUSE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. EDUCATION, NOT
15 INCARCERATION.

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17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AMEER MARTIN? AMEER?

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19 **AMEER MARTIN:** MY NAME IS AMEER MARTIN AND I'M THE MATH TEACHER
20 AND ONE OF THE SCHOOL CO-COORDINATORS FOR FREE L.A. HIGH
21 SCHOOL. I AM A NUMBERS MAN. I'M REALLY INTO NUMBERS. AND ONE
22 THING THAT WAS BROUGHT UP EARLIER IS THAT USUALLY WHEN YOU
23 DECIDE ON HOW MANY JAILS TO BUILD, YOU USUALLY LOOK AT THE
24 TEST SCORES OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS LIKE 10 YEARS PRIOR.
25 WELL, IF IT TAKES 10 YEARS TO BUILD A JAIL, I BELIEVE THAT WE



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1 SHOULD HAVE MORE INTERVENTION DURING THAT TIME. NOW, FOR LESS
2 THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE ONE-POINT FOUR BILLION THAT WAS BEING
3 ASKED FOR EARLIER, THAT COULD BE USED TO CREATE 500 COMMUNITY
4 INTERVENTION CENTERS, I'M SORRY, 50 COMMUNITY CENTERS, 500
5 YOUTH WORKERS COULD BE EMPLOYED, AND 25,000 YOUTH JOBS COULD
6 BE CREATED. NOW, WITH THESE 500 JOBS CREATED FOR YOUTH AND FOR
7 COMMUNITY INTERVENTION SERVICE, THIS COULD BE USED TO HELP
8 IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY. IT COULD BE USED TO
9 REDUCE GANG VIOLENCE, PROVIDE SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS. AND IT
10 CAN ALSO BE USED TO HELP JUST IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF OUR
11 NEIGHBORHOODS AND MAKE JAILS LESS NECESSARY.

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13 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JAYTON DAVIS?

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15 **JAYTON DAVIS:** MY NAME IS JAYTON AND I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE
16 YOUTH OF MY COMMUNITY. I DON'T AGREE WITH THE JAIL EXPANSION
17 BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT WILL HAVE A DEVASTATING EFFECT ON BLACK
18 AND BROWN COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY. AND THE FAMILIES OF INNER
19 CITY YOUTH WHO GROW UP IN POVERTY STRICKEN AREAS THAT RESULT
20 IN JAIL DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE LITTLE TO NOTHING
21 RESOURCES. I BELIEVE THERE ARE TOO MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE
22 STARVING WITHOUT FOOD, NOT ENOUGH RESOURCES FOR THEM OR
23 SCHOOL. AND THERE'S TOO MANY SCHOOLS, LOW BUDGET SCHOOLS AND
24 NOT ENOUGH COMMUNITY CENTERS. AND THERE'S TOO MANY SCHOOLS AND
25 COMMUNITY CENTERS THAT NEED REPAIR OR NEED HELP OR NEED MONEY



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1 FINANCIALLY. AND THERE'S A LOT OF YOUTH THAT NEED GUIDANCE AND
2 SUPPORT WHO DON'T HAVE FAMILY OR PARENTS THAT NEED SUPPORT
3 MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY AND FINANCIALLY. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE
4 HAVE ENOUGH JAILS AND THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PLANS TO BUILD
5 COMMUNITY OR RESTORE IT. AND THERE'S JUST PLANS TO LOCK UP THE
6 POPULATION FOR A PROFIT. I BELIEVE IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO
7 THE CRIME RATE WHETHER YOU BUILD MORE JAILS AND LOCK UP OR
8 MANAGE MORE JAILS. IT ONLY PROVES THAT YOU GUYS ARE HIDING
9 BEHIND THE IDEA OF TAKING AWAY FREEDOM TO JUSTIFY IT.

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11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. THANK
12 YOU, JAYTON. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

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14 **VERO TORRES:** VERO.

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16 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT'S YOUR FIRST NAME?

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18 **VERO TORRES:** VERO.

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20 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT'S YOUR LAST NAME?

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22 **VERO TORRES:** TORRES.

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24 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DID WE HAVE HER CARD? HANG ON ONE
25 SECOND, VERO. I WILL CALL THREE OTHER PEOPLE. NOEMI GIL. SUSAN



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1 BURTON, JEFF CLARK. IS NOEMI GIL HERE? AND SUSAN BURTON? OKAY.
2 AND JEFF CLARK? OKAY. VERO?

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4 **VERO TORRES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS VERO AND I JUST WANT TO SAY
5 THAT WHEN I WAS 13 I WAS GOING INTO THE SYSTEM. I WAS LOCKED
6 UP. I WENT IN AND OUT AND THE JUVENILE HALL PEOPLE WOULD TELL
7 ME I WOULD BE BACK AND FORTH IN THERE AND THEY'RE RIGHT I WAS
8 BACK AND FORTH IN THERE. AND BECAUSE THEY NEVER GIVE ME
9 ANYTHING TO PREPARE FOR THE OUTSIDE. FINALLY I LEFT THE SYSTEM
10 WHEN I WAS 18. I WENT INTO MY COMMUNITY SCHOOL YOUTH CENTER
11 AND AFTER SCHOOL JOBS. L.A. COULDN'T HELP ME WHEN I WAS 13.
12 THEY THREW ME AWAY. WHY EXPAND THE CORRUPT SYSTEM? PEOPLE
13 GOING BACK BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT EDUCATED. SO IF YOU GUYS SPEND
14 THIS MONEY ON EDUCATION IT WILL BE BETTER BECAUSE THEN YOU
15 WON'T HAVE TO BUILD MORE PRISONS. PEOPLE KEEP MIS-STEPPING
16 BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT EDUCATED WHILE THEY ARE IN THERE IN A BOX
17 NOT LEARNING ANYTHING. NOBODY WILL BE GOING BACK IF YOU GIVE
18 THEM EDUCATION. THE KEY INGREDIENT FOR PEOPLE NOT BE GOING
19 BACK IS EDUCATION. STOP BUILDING JAILS AND INVEST IN
20 EDUCATION. THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS TO LIVE
21 IN THE CORRUPT WORLD WE'RE LIVING IN ALREADY.

22

23 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUSAN BURTON.

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1 **SUSAN BURTON:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON. I
2 AM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT
3 AND A COMMISSIONER WITH C.U.R.B. FIRST I'D LIKE TO BRING YOU
4 GREETINGS FROM THE WOMEN AT A NEW WAY OF LIFE. THEY COULDN'T
5 COME HERE TODAY BECAUSE THEY'RE IN SCHOOL OR THEY'RE AT WORK
6 OR THEY'RE IN DRUG TREATMENT BUT THEY WANTED TO SEND THEIR
7 REGARDS AND THEY REALLY ENJOYED BEING HERE THE LAST MEETING
8 THAT THEY WERE AT. I'M A FORMER PRISONER. I'M A PERSON IN
9 RECOVERY. CALIFORNIA SPENT ONE-POINT-THREE MILLION DOLLARS
10 INCARCERATING ME FOR A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM. NOW I'M HAILED
11 AS A C.N.N HERO AS A COMMUNITY LEADER FOR THE WORK THAT I'VE
12 DONE AFTER I GOT TREATMENT. I GOT THAT TREATMENT IN THE
13 COMMUNITY. I DIDN'T GET IT THROUGH THE JAIL SYSTEM. I GOT
14 BRUTALIZED AND CAGED THROUGH THE JAIL SYSTEM. I'M LISTENING TO
15 THE C.E.O., MR. FUJIOKA, AND I'M HEARING OF THE INVESTMENT
16 THAT HE HAS IN REPORTS. BUT I'M ASKING: WOULD YOU COME TO OUR
17 COMMUNITY, MR. FUJIOKA? WOULD YOU MAKE A VISIT TO OUR
18 COMMUNITY AND INVEST SOME TIME AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE BUILT AND
19 WHAT WE DO.

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21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY THANK YOU. TIME IS UP. JEFF
22 CLARK. HANG ON ONE SECOND, JEFF. GREGORY HOLMES? IS GREGORY
23 HOLMES HERE? MARY SUTTON? IS MARY SUTTON HERE? OKAY. GREAT.
24 MR. CLARK.

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1 **JEFF CLARK:** I'M JEFF CLARK. I'M FOUNDER OF THE CALIFORNIA
2 CLEMENCY PROJECT. I ALSO WORK WITH NORMAL AND THE CALIFORNIA
3 CANNABIS COALITION. WHAT WE HAVE WE'RE LOOKING AT IS A FAILED
4 DRUG WAR WHERE ABOUT ONE FOURTH OF YOUR PRISONERS ARE IN JAIL
5 FOR DRUGS. NOW, WE HAVE A FAILED DRUG WAR THAT IS NOT WORKING.
6 WE NEED TO RE-EVALUATE YOUR DRUG WAR. AND THE WAY SHERIFF LEE
7 BACA EXPLAINED BEFORE WHEN ONE OF HIS OFFICERS OR DEPUTIES GOT
8 CAUGHT SMUGGLING INTO THE JAIL DRUGS, HE HAD FINANCIAL
9 PROBLEMS. I BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THE 99 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE
10 IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE FINANCIAL DISTRESS. BUT THE WHOLE
11 FACT IS POLICE OFFICERS AND SHERIFFS ARE HIRED TO PROTECT
12 PEOPLE FROM PEOPLE THAT WILL HURT US, NOT FROM US HURTING
13 OURSELVES USING CANNABIS OR OTHER THINGS. YOU NEED TO RE-
14 EVALUATE THE FELONIES. WHEN AN OFFICER BRINGS IN SOMEBODY WITH
15 A VIOLENT CRIME OR A DEPUTY AND THEY BET THAT PERSON OR SHOOT
16 THAT PERSON, THOSE OFFICERS NEED TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR
17 STEROIDS OR DRUG USE THEMSELVES.

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19 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GREGORY HOLMES?

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21 **GREGORY HOLMES:** HOW EVERYBODY DOING? MY NAME IS GREGORY
22 HOLMES, I'M A YOUTH ORGANIZER AT THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION.
23 I'VE HEARD A PLAN THAT WE'RE GOING TO ALLOCATED TWO-POINT-SIX
24 BILLION DOLLARS FOR A DISPROPORTIONAL, INADEQUATE JAIL SYSTEM
25 WHEN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IS FAILING. WE LAID OFF THOUSANDS



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1 OF TEACHERS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND WE CONTINUOUSLY
2 WANT TO PUMP MONEY INTO A JAIL SYSTEM WHERE THE FACES THAT ARE
3 BEHIND YOU ARE THE ONES THAT ARE MOST AFFECTED BY THE JAIL
4 SYSTEM. MAKE THE YOUTH OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE
5 CALIFORNIA IN GENERAL YOUR PRIORITY, NOT YOUR PROPERTY. WE ARE
6 TO BE THE PROFIT OF THE STATE NOT THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE.
7 AND THAT'S ALL I'M GOING TO SAY, THANK YOU.

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9 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MARY SUTTON?

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11 **MARY SUTTON:** HI. I'M MARY SUTTON. I'M AN L.A. ORGANIZER FOR
12 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET, A STATEWIDE
13 COALITION OF OVER 40 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE STATE FIGHTING
14 PRISON AND JAIL EXPANSION AND DEMANDING THAT WE REDUCE THE
15 PRISON AND JAIL POPULATIONS. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF CRITICAL
16 RESISTANCE. I'M HAPPY TO HEAR TODAY THAT SOME OF THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS ARE ACTUALLY PICKING UP SOME OF OUR OWN TALKING
18 POINTS AND QUESTIONING THE NEED TO SPEND MORE MONEY ON JAILS
19 IN L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE WE ABSOLUTELY DO NOT NEED ANY MORE
20 JAILS. I ALSO WANT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO UNDERSTAND AND
21 THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THAT AB-109 DOLLARS, THE RE-ALIGNMENT
22 BILL, IS YOURS TO CONTROL. NOT THE SHERIFF'S. IN THE FIRST
23 YEAR OF RE-ALIGNMENT, L.A. COUNTY WAS GIVEN 112 MILLION
24 DOLLARS. ONLY FOUR-POINT-TWO MILLION OF THAT WAS DESIGNATED
25 FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. AND THAT HAS YET TO BE



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1 RELEASED. IT'S A SETUP. WE DON'T NEED MORE JAILS. WE DON'T
2 NEED MORE PRISONS. WE DON'T NEED MORE SHERIFFS. WE DON'T NEED
3 MORE POLICE. WE DON'T.

4

5 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU MARRY SUTTON: I'M GOING
6 TO READ THE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS-

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8 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO YOUR TIME IS UP. WE HAVE READ
9 THE VERO. MA'AM? (CONTINUING). [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ESTHER LIM? ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO
12 ASK YOU ONE LAST TIME. COOPERATE WITH US. AND WE WILL GET
13 THROUGH EVERYBODY. DON'T COOPERATE WITH US, I'M NOT SURE WE
14 WILL GET THROUGH EVERYBODY, OKAY? ESTHER LIM?

15

16 **ESTHER LIM:** HI. DO YOU WANT TO GO FIRST?

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18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:**.. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

19

20 **KIM MCGILL:** KIM MCGILL.

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22 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE HAVE HER CARD?

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24 **KIM MCGILL:** YES, YOU CALLED ME.

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1 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DID? OKAY, GO AHEAD.

2

3 **KIM MCGILL:** MY NAME IS KIM MCGILL. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE
4 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WE'RE PROUD TO BE MEMBERS OF THE
5 C.U.R.B., CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND
6 HAVE YOUTH HERE FROM FREE L.A. HIGH SCHOOL, ALSO. I WANT TO
7 REMIND EVERYBODY THAT IN A FEW MINUTES, WE'LL LEAVE. MOST OF
8 US WILL GO TO HOMES. NONE OF US GO TO COUNTY JAILS TONIGHT.
9 BUT THERE'S 15,000 PEOPLE SITTING THERE SUFFERING. I'M HERE
10 TODAY AS AN EYEWITNESS. I'VE BEEN LOCKED UP IN THE L.A. COUNTY
11 JAIL SEVERAL TIMES FROM THE HOLDING TANKS BENEATH COURT, TO
12 THE CHAOTIC INTAKE CELLS IN LYNWOOD, THE COLD TORTURE CHAMBERS
13 AT NIGHT WHERE YOU GET A THIN BLANKET WITH NONSTOP AIR
14 CONDITIONING. ONCE THERE, THE MEMORY NEVER LEAVES YOU. THE
15 OVERWHELMING SMELL OF WOMEN WHO HAVEN'T HAD SHOWERS FOR DAYS,
16 OF RANCID FOOD AND ROTTING MILK, OF OPEN UNTREATED STORES FROM
17 THE STAPH INFECTION THAT RUNS RAMPANT THROUGH THE COUNTY. THE
18 STENCH OF URINE AND EXCREMENT IN CLOGGED TOILETS. THE SOUNDS
19 ALSO NEVER LEAVE YOU: THE CRIES OF WOMEN WHO CAN'T REACH THEIR
20 CHILDREN AND DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE. THE CURSES AND
21 RAMBLINGS OF WOMEN WHO HEAR VOICES OR THINK SOMEONE'S THERE
22 WHO ISN'T THERE BUT NEVER GET ANY MENTAL HEALTHCARE. THE
23 SUFFERING OF PEOPLE WHO DETOX FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUGS BUT GET
24 NO SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY.

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1 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, TIME'S UP. ESTHER,
2 BEFORE YOU GO ON, OSCAR DIAZ. IS OSCAR DIAZ HERE? ROSEMARY
3 MOLINA? ROSEMARY MOLINA? C.T. TURNEY? SALVADOR MESSINAS?
4 SALVADOR MESSINAS? OKAY. UTSUMI? OKAY. ESTHER LIM.

5

6 **ESTHER LIM:** HI. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO EVERYONE'S
7 COMMENTS. MY NAME IS ESTHER LIM AND I'M FROM THE A.C.L.U. OF
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, I'M THEIR JAILS PROJECT. MY JOB IS TO
9 MONITOR THE CONDITION INSIDE L.A. COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES. I
10 WILL NOT REITERATE THE MANY TALKING POINTS THAT YOUR 75 PUBLIC
11 SPEAKERS ARE GOING TO SAY. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A FEW
12 CLARIFICATIONS. THERE IS A LOT OF MENTION OF DR. AUSTIN AND
13 THE ONE WHOSE REPORT IS GOING TO BE DUE. I WISH SUPERVISOR
14 MOLINA WAS HERE. I COULD GIVE HER THE DATE FEBRUARY, 2012. IT
15 DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU CAN'T GO FORWARD WITH THE OTHER
16 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WAS MENTIONED IN THE VERA REPORT. P.A.
17 R.C., THE POLICE ASSESSMENT RESOURCE CENTER, MERRICK BOBB,
18 HE'S OFFERED SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ALONG WITH O.I.R., ALONG
19 WITH THE A.C.L.U., IN FACT, SHERIFF BACA IS NOW TRYING TO
20 IMPLEMENT SOME OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT P.R.C. HE'S
21 ALREADY WRITTEN 30 TYPES OF REPORTS THAT GO BACK TO 1994.
22 WE'RE IN 2012. AND THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOW TRYING TO BE
23 IMPLEMENTED. WITH THE MENTALLY ILL, THE A.C.L.U. WE FILED A
24 REPORT BACK IN 2008 AND SHERIFF BACA IS NOW USING THAT REPORT
25 TWO WEEKS AGO ABOUT THE MENTALLY ILL. OUR MENTALLY ILL INSIDE



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1 TWIN TOWER ESPECIALLY, THERE'S A VICIOUS CYCLE THAT OCCURS
2 INSIDE THERE WHERE SOMEONE OUT ON THE STREETS COULD BE
3 DIAGNOSED WITH PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA, THEY COME IN. AS YOU
4 KNOW IF YOU WANT THE COPIES OF THE REPORT, WE HAVE SENT THEM
5 TO YOUR OFFICES.

6

7 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
8 OSCAR DIAZ?

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10 **OSCAR DIAZ:** YEAH, THANK YOU GUYS FOR BEING SO LOYAL TO US. I
11 AM PROUD OF BEING OF THE L.A. COUNTY, THE CAPITAL OF THE
12 WORLD. WE ARE CHANGING NOW TO A NEW BEGINNING, THE 21ST OF
13 DECEMBER 2012 IS A NEW BEGINNING. SO THANK YOU. AND WE ARE
14 LATINOS, MOST OF US, THE 10 MILLION IN L.A. AND WE NEED
15 SCHOOLS, PLEASE. WE NEED SCHOOLS. WE NEED TO TEACH OUR
16 CHILDREN TO BE THE LEADERS OF THE WORLD. WE ARE ON THE GLOBAL,
17 YOU KNOW? SO WE ARE SPANISH. IT'S GOING TO BE SPANISH NEXT
18 TIME IN WASHINGTON SECOND LANGUAGE. IT'S ALL OVER THE WORLD.
19 SO PLEASE HELP US. WE THE LATINOS NEED EDUCATION, NOT JAILS.
20 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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22 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** C.T. TURNEY?

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24 **C.T. TURNEY:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS C.T. TURNEY. I'M A STAFF
25 ATTORNEY WITH A NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. THE WORK THAT



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1 I DO THERE INVOLVES ASSISTING FOLKS WITH CONVICTION HISTORY TO
2 RE-ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND I CAN SAY
3 WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM WAS ABLE TO DO
4 SO JUST BY SPENDING TIME IN A JAIL FACILITY. THE WAY THAT
5 THEY'RE ABLE TO RE-ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES
6 IS THROUGH THE HELP OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THOSE COMMUNITIES. AND
7 THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT BEING LOOKED AT SUFFICIENTLY
8 AS SEVERAL OF THE SUPERVISORS HAVE MENTIONED. IN THE STUDIES
9 THAT HAVE SEEMED TO BE ENDLESSLY CYCLING THROUGH, THE MONEY
10 SPENT ON JAIL EXPANSIONS AND STUDYING JAIL EXPANSIONS IS
11 INEFFICIENT AND INEFFECTIVE AT KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE. EVEN
12 SHORT INCARCERATION PERIODS COST PEOPLE JOBS, WHICH IN TURN
13 DESTABILIZES FAMILIES, CAUSING THEM HOUSING, PUTS STRESS ON
14 FAMILIES TRYING TO STRUGGLE WITHOUT PROVIDERS AND WITHOUT
15 JOBS.

16

17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE MR. UTSUMI. I
18 WANT TO CALL OTHER PEOPLE DOWN. HAMID KAHN. IS HAMID HERE?
19 OKAY. JENNY BROWN? JENNY BROWN HERE? ANYA WARBURG? ANYA
20 WARBURG? MORGAN HILL? IS MORGAN HILL HERE? WHITNEY RICHARDS?
21 OKAY. AND MIKE MILLER? OKAY. MR. UTSUMI?

22

23 **KEI UTSUMI:** OKAY. IT COSTS 50,000 DOLLARS TO KEEP ONE PERSON
24 IN PRISON EVERY YEAR. THE PRISONERS ARE BASICALLY POOR PEOPLE,
25 POVERTY. POVERTY IS BEING CRIMINALIZED AND FITTING THE PRISON



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1 SYSTEM. POOR PEOPLE ARE HUMAN BEINGS, JUST AS MUCH AS MIDDLE
2 CLASS OR RICH PEOPLE, THEY DESERVE HUMAN RIGHTS. THE PRISON
3 VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS ON A DAILY BASIS WHERE WE KNOW OF CASES
4 WHERE THE SHERIFF ARE CRIMINALS AND BEAT UP INMATES. BUT THEY
5 DO IT WITH IMPUNITY. NO NEW PRISONS. WHY ARE DECISIONS ALWAYS
6 MADE AT THE TOP? THAT'S NOT TRUE DEMOCRACY. THAT'S WHY YOU
7 HAVE AN OCCUPY MOVEMENT ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY BECAUSE PEOPLE
8 ARE FED UP WITH TOP-DOWN DECISION MAKING.

9

10 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. HAMID KAHN?

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12 **HAMID KAHN:** I SPEAK HERE IN OPPOSITION TO THE ITEM AT HAND,
13 ITEM NUMBER 19. IRONICALLY, THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A PEOPLE'S
14 HALL, BUT PEOPLE'S VOICES ARE BEING SILENCED. AND IT'S NOT
15 THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT OF ORDER, IT IS YOU ALL WHO ARE OUT
16 OF ORDER. AND YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF ORDER FOR THE LONGEST TIME.
17 BECAUSE OF THE CORE OF THIS ISSUE IS THIS ROTTEN BARREL OF
18 APPLES THAT'S CALLED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. TIME AND AGAIN,
19 TIME AND AGAIN RESEARCH, TESTIMONIALS, LEGAL ACTIONS HAVE
20 EXPOSED CORRUPTION, ABUSE OF POWER IN THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT, TORTURE, BEATINGS, AND ALL KINDS OF ABUSES IN THE
22 JAIL SYSTEM. BUT YOU HAVE NOT STOOD UP TO BEING GOOD
23 CUSTODIANS OF PEOPLE'S TRUST. AND WHEN PEOPLE COME HERE AND
24 TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT, THEIR TIME IS UP. IF YOU WANT TO BE HERE
25 TWO DAYS TO LISTEN TO EVERYBODY, YOU BETTER BE HERE FOR TWO



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1 DAYS TO LISTEN TO EVERYBODY ELSE. BECAUSE PEOPLE IN JAIL ARE
2 ROTTING FOR YEARS AND YEARS DAY IN AND DAY OUT. AND THIS HAS
3 TO STOP RIGHT NOW. NO MORE JAILS. AND IF THIS IS THE LEGACY
4 WE'LL LEAVE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THEN SHAME ON US AND SHAME
5 ON YOU.

6

7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WHITNEY RICHARDS.

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9 **WHITNEY RICHARDS:** WHITNEY RICHARDS. HI, MY NAME IS WHITNEY
10 RICHARDS BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME TROY DAVIS. I JUST WANT TO SAY
11 THAT I'M INCREDIBLY FED UP, DISGUSTED THAT THIS MONEY IS GOING
12 TO BE USED TO BUILD MORE PRISONS. I ASKED A YOUNG PERSON I
13 WORK WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, I ASKED A YOUNG PERSON
14 LAST WEEK WHAT WOULD HE RATHER DO WITH THIS MONEY. HE TOLD ME
15 THAT HE WANTED SOME PLACE TO BE BUILT WHERE HE FELT SAFE,
16 WHERE HE FELT APPRECIATED, WHERE HE FELT HE COULD BE HIMSELF.
17 IS PRISON A SPACE FOR THAT? I HAD A COUSIN WHO WAS JUST LOCKED
18 UP. HE WAS IN JAIL FOR 16 MONTHS, NINE OF WHICH HE SPENT IN
19 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. THE OTHER MONTHS HE WAS CONTINUALLY
20 RAPED AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. AND HE'S ONLY 25. AND HE WAS ONLY
21 THERE FOR A MINOR OFFENSE. NOW, PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN
22 TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING. UNTIL YOU ARE PREPARED TO HAVE MEMBERS
23 OF YOUR COMMUNITY GO THROUGH THAT, DO NOT BUILD MORE CELLS. DO
24 NOT SPEND MONEY ON MORE JAILS. YOU CANNOT. AND IF YOU DO, WE
25 WILL BE BACK.



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2 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MIKE MILLER? HANG ON, MIKE.
3 LET ME JUST ASK FOR SOME OTHERS TO COME DOWN. KIM MCGILL? SHE
4 SPOKE ALREADY. OKAY. CHRISTINA HEATHERTON? IS CHRISTINA
5 HEATHERTON HERE? EMILY HARRIS? GUADALUPE CHAVEZ? JOSE
6 GALLEGOS? JOSEPHINE COBBS? MR. MILLER?

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8 **MIKE MILLER:** YES. MY NAME IS MIKE MILLER. AND I REPRESENT THE
9 COMMUNITY. ACTUALLY IT AMAZES ME THE FACT THAT EVEN SHERIFF
10 BACA CAN TALK ABOUT DEMOCRACY, I'VE HEARD HIM STATE DEMOCRACY
11 EVEN IN THE MEDIA ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND, YET, HOW CAN PEOPLE
12 TALK ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND NOT EVEN HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF
13 RIGHT AND WRONG? WITH HALF THE STUFF THAT'S GOING ON IN THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE FACT THAT THEY'RE UNDER
15 INVESTIGATION BY THE F.B.I. AS A RESULT OF THAT, YOU KNOW, IT
16 DOESN'T EVEN MAKE ANY SENSE, YOU KNOW. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED,
17 THERE SHOULD BE IF OUR SYSTEM WAS MORE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
18 AS FAR AS REHABILITATING PEOPLE RATHER THAN MAKING THEM,
19 TEACHING THEM THAT THE ONLY THING THEY HAVE TO BE SORRY FOR IS
20 THAT THEY WERE CAUGHT IN ALL THIS OTHER NONSENSE THAT GOES ON
21 THEN THINGS LIKE THAT SHOULD NOT BE HAPPENING. IT'S
22 UNFORTUNATELY MY TIME'S UP.

23

24 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOU MADE YOUR POINT.
25 GUADALUPE CHAVEZ.



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GUADALUPE CHAVEZ: FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO ASK YOU ISN'T YOUTH ENGAGED IN THEIR LIVES IN A POSITIVE WAY WHAT WE WANT? LET'S SUPPORT THESE YOUTH AND ALL THOSE THAT ARE LOCKED UP BY NOT SUPPORTING SHERIFF BACA'S PROPOSAL. THE YOUTH AT Y.J.C. HAVE DONE GRADUATE-LEVEL RESEARCH ON HOW WE AND YOU CAN REWORK THE BUDGET. I DEMAND YOU SIT DOWN WITH A GROUP OF US TO REALLY LISTEN TO OUR IDEAS. I WOULD LOVE TO SIT DOWN WITH THE MISSING IN ACTION GLORIA MOLINA AND HEAR WHERE THESE MONIES ARE THAT SHE MENTIONED ALREADY EXISTS FOR JAIL ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE I'M OUT THERE. I LIVE THERE. I LIVE IN SOUTH CENTRAL. I LIVE IN EAST L.A. I WORK WITH THESE YOUTH. I HAVE FAMILY IN AND OUT OF PRISON. AND WHEN THEY GET OUT, THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVES AND THAT'S WHY THEY GO BACK IN. WE NEED REHAB. NOT REHAB THAT DRUGS PEOPLE INTO NUMBNESS BUT ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE CLINICS WHERE SPIRITUAL, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH IS PRIORITIZED. I DEMAND THAT YOU VOTE AGAINST SHERIFF BACA'S PROPOSED PRISON EXPANSION.

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ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. JOSE GALLEGOS?

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JOSE GALLEGOS: MY NAME IS JOSE GALLEGOS AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF YJ.C., YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, COMMUNITY RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. AND AS A RESIDENT OF THE NINTH DISTRICT. AT THE AGE OF 18, MOST STUDENTS ARE WALKING ACROSS STRAIGHT TO OBTAIN A HIGH



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1 SCHOOL DIPLOMA. AT THE AGE OF 18 I WAS WALKING ACROSS THE
2 I.R.C. THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER AT THE LAS ANGELES COUNTY
3 JAIL FOR A NONVIOLENT CRIME OF SELLING C.D.S. THEY SAY THAT
4 COUNTY JAIL'S SUPPOSED TO BE A REHABILITATION CENTER WHERE
5 YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HELP THE OTHER WHERE THEY SET YOU BACK ON
6 TRACK, BUT THEY DIDN'T DO THAT FOR ME. BEFORE I WENT TO COUNTY
7 JAIL, I DIDN'T HAVE NO TATTOOS. I DIDN'T HAVE STATE OF MIND
8 THAT I DO OF NOW. THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL DIDN'T TRY TO HELP ME
9 GET A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. GUESS WHO DID? THE YOUTH JUSTICE
10 COALITION DID. I JUST OBTAINED MY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THERE. I
11 GOT TATTOOS ONCE I HIT THE COUNTY JAIL. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT
12 PRISON, I'M TALKING ABOUT L.A. COUNTY JAIL, THE 800 FLOOR.
13 TOWER NUMBER 2. POD B. THAT'S WHERE I GOT TATTOOS AT. GUESS
14 WHO'S TRYING TO HELP ME REMOVE THE TATTOOS? THE YOUTH JUSTICE
15 COALITION CENTER. SO YOU SEE THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVES.
16 THERE WERE OUT OUTCOMES INSTEAD OF BUILDING NEW JAILS.

17

18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JOSEPHINE COBBS. THANK
19 YOU.

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21 **JOSEPHINE COBBS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JOSEPHINE COBBS AND I'M A
22 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. AND MY SON, AS WELL. AND HERE IS A
23 PICTURE OF HIM. HE WAS A FORMER RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIREMAN WHO
24 IS NOW INCARCERATED. AND I BEGGED THE JUDGE NOT TO INCARCERATE
25 MY SON. HE WAS SUFFERING FROM POST SYNDROME STRESS, MENTAL



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1 PROBLEMS FROM BEING A FIREFIGHTER. AND THEY PUT HIM IN JAIL,
2 ANYWAY. JAIL DOES NOT HEAL, SUPERVISORS. JAIL DOES NOT REHAB.
3 HE NEEDED MEDICAL CARE. PLEASE DO NOT BUILD ANYMORE JAILS.
4 HELP PEOPLE. RESTORE THEM AND HEAL THEM. TAKE THE MONEY TO USE
5 IT FOR PROGRAMS THAT WILL HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM
6 SICKNESSES. YOU DON'T LOCK PEOPLE UP WHEN THEY'RE HURTING. AND
7 SO I'M AGAINST BUILDING NEW JAILS. PLEASE, I BEG YOU, DON'T
8 BUILD ANYMORE JAILS.

9

10 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. HANG ON. WHAT IS YOUR
11 NAME?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I SPEAK IN BEHALF OF KIM MCGILL. I CAN'T JUST SPEAK
14 TO THE ENTIRE REPRESENTATIVES. SOME OF YOU I'VE BEEN
15 LISTENING, SOME OF YOU EXHIBIT A LITTLE BIT OF COMMON SENSE.
16 SO LET ME SHARE SOMETHING WITH YOU AND HOPEFULLY I CAN APPEAL
17 TO YOUR COMMON SENSE WHEN YOU BEGIN TO CREATE REENTRY
18 PROGRAMS. IT'S A FACT THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE COMING BACK
19 FROM PRISON. IF THEY COME BACK FROM PRISON AND THEY GO BACK,
20 THEN THAT'S A LOSE-LOSE SITUATION. IT'S MONEY BEING SPENT.
21 THEY ARE GOING BACK TO PRISON. IF THEY COME BACK AND THEY'RE
22 SUCCESSFUL, THAT'S A WIN/WIN SITUATION. COMMON SENSE TELLS ME
23 THAT. COMMON SENSE SAYS THAT WHEN YOU CONSTRUCT REENTRY
24 PROGRAMS, CONSTRUCT REENTRY PROGRAMS WHERE THESE GUYS WILL
25 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME INTO SOCIETY, NOT STRANGLED WITH



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1 THEIR HANDS BEHIND THEIR BACK OR PARALYZED BUT WITH THE TOOLS
2 THAT CAN HELP THEM BE SUCCESSFUL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, SUCH AS
3 THE TAP CARD, SUCH AS AN I.D. CARD, SUCH AS GETTING THEIR--
4 HELPING THEM TO GET THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS.

5

6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO CALL
7 UP SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE. GENERAL DOGON? I HOPE I GOT THAT
8 RIGHT. ERNEST SHEPHERD? THANK YOU, MR. SHEPHERD. JENNIFER
9 RIVERA? IS JENNIFER RIVERA HERE? CHANEL WYCHE? MARILYN CORTEZ?
10 OKAY. GENERAL DOGON, IS THAT THE CORRECT PRONUNCIATION?

11

12 **GENERAL DOGON:** I'M GENERAL DOGON, HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS
13 ORGANIZER WITH L.A.CARE. CHIEF LEE BACA HAS SOME NERVE BEGGING
14 FOR ONE-POINT-FOUR BILLION OF OUR MONEY TO EXPAND HIS TORTURE
15 CHAMBERS. WITH ALL THE DISABILITY RIGHT VIOLATIONS, THE HUMAN
16 RIGHT VIOLATIONS, THE CIVIL RIGHT VIOLATIONS, THE HEALTH AND
17 SAFETY VIOLATIONS, AND ALL THE WRONGFUL DEATHS THAT ARE GOING
18 ON IN THE COUNTY JAIL WHILE BACA SHOULD BE LUCKY HE'S STILL
19 CHIEF AND GOT A JOB. HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIRED LONG TIME AGO.
20 ZEY, I AGREE WITH YOU, IT IS _____. SOON AS BACA FIRST OPENED
21 HIS MOUTH TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING INSANE AS WHAT HE WAS
22 TALKING ABOUT, Y'ALL SHOULD HAVE STOPPED AND CHECKED HIM RIGHT
23 THERE. SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE STEPPED UP AND TOLD HIM "MAN, YOU
24 LOST YOUR MIND. WE CANNOT DO THIS. THIS IS CRAZY," RIGHT? YOU
25 SHOULD HAVE CHECKED HIM RIGHT THERE. YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM



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1 THIS IS NOT WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT. THAT THE PEOPLE WANT
2 HOUSING. THE PEOPLE WANT THEIR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO BE
3 RESPECTED. PEOPLE WANT EDUCATION. PEOPLE, YOUTH OUT HERE DON'T
4 EVEN GOT MONEY TO GO TO SCHOOL. YOU KNOW, WE NEED STUFF LIKE
5 THAT. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. WE DO NOT NEED MORE JAILS. AND I'M
6 ASKING YOU GUYS RIGHT NOW TO PUT ALL THIS STUFF TO AN END.
7 IT'S CRAZY AND IT'S INSANE.

8

9 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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11 **GENERAL DOGON:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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13 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CHANEL WYCHE?

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15 **CHANEL WYCHE:** I'M CHANEL WYCHE, I'M A STUDENT AT Y.J.C. FREE
16 L.A. HIGH SCHOOL, I SHOULD SAY AND I'M HERE TO OPPOSE THE
17 EXPANSION OF JAILS BECAUSE THIS IS NOT GOING TO HELP THE
18 SYSTEM. ALL YOU GUYS ARE DOING IS TRYING TO DO IS BUILD MORE
19 CAGES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE ON WHAT YOU GUYS
20 CLAIM TO GIVE US. IT'S NOTHING OUT THERE BUT, WELL, THE GANGS
21 IS, THE JAILS ARE NOTHING BUT HARASSMENT, RACISM, SEXUAL
22 ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE. NOBODY IS HELPING THE SYSTEM. YOU GUYS
23 CLAIM TO BE HERE FOR US TO LISTEN TO US AND WE CAN'T EVEN GET
24 ALL THE SUPERVISORS TO SIT IN THEIR CHAIRS AND LISTEN TO WHAT
25 WE HAVE TO SAY. BUT WHEN IT WAS EVERYBODY ELSE, WHEN THE



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1 PEOPLE WERE HERE FROM THE JAILS STATING THEIR, WHATEVER THEY
2 WERE SAYING, Y'ALL WERE LISTENING. EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU GUYS
3 WERE SITTING THERE LISTENING. BUT YOU GUYS CAN'T LISTEN TO US.
4 I DON'T UNDERSTAND. BUT THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY, NO MORE NEW
5 JAILS.

6

7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MARILYN CORTEZ, YOU'RE ON.

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9 **MARILYN CORTEZ:** MY NAME'S MARILYN CORTEZ. I STAND HER IN FRONT
10 OF YOU REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL. I
11 AM HERE TODAY WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I AM A YOUTH
12 ORGANIZER. I BELIEVE INSTEAD OF EXPANDING JAILS, WE SHOULD
13 EXPAND COLLEGES AND EMPOWER THE YOUTH OF TOMORROW THAT WILL BE
14 RUNNING THIS WORLD NEXT. WE SHOULD HAVE ENDLESS EDUCATION
15 INSTEAD OF GIVING ENDLESS INCARCERATION. IF COLLEGES HAVE 100
16 MILLION DOLLARS, ALL OF US WOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY FOR COLLEGE.
17 IT SHOULD BE FREE. IF WE HAVE MONEY FOR JAILS FOR JAIL
18 EXPANSION, THEN WE SHOULD HAVE MONEY FOR COLLEGE EXPANSION. I
19 AM WORKING WITH ALL THE JAIL MAIL THAT COME INTO THE Y.J.C.
20 AND SOME OF THEM ARE MOTHERS, FATHERS AND UNCLES, GRANDPARENTS
21 LIKE SOME OF YOU ALL ON THE BOARD. JAIL CONDITIONS ARE NOT AND
22 SHOULD NOT BE THE WAY THEY ARE WRITTEN ABOUT IN LETTERS. LOOK
23 PAST THAT, PAST YOUR EYES THAT THEY MIGHT BE CRIMINALS. THEY
24 ARE HUMAN BEINGS LIKE THE REST OF US AND SHOULD NOT BE LIVING



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1 IN JAIL LET ALONE IN THE S.H.U. S.H.U. IS NO PLACE FOR A HUMAN
2 BEING LIKE EVERYONE ELSE OF US. THAT'S IT.

3

4 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. EMILY HARRIS?

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6 **EMILY HARRIS:** HI.

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8 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON A SECOND, EMILY. DELORIS
9 CANELES? IS DELORIS HERE? COME ON DOWN. AND KEVIN KEY? IS
10 KEVIN KEY HERE? COME ON DOWN. OKAY.

11

12 **EMILY HARRIS:** MY NAME IS EMILY HARRIS AND I'M THE STATEWIDE
13 COORDINATOR FOR C.U.R.B. AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU ALL FOR
14 LISTENING TO WHAT WE'VE HAD TO SAY TODAY. BUT WE HAVE BEEN
15 TRYING FOR WEEKS TO HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH ALL OF YOUR
16 OFFICES, AND ONLY WE WERE ABLE TO GET APPOINTMENTS WITH MOLINA
17 AND YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE YESTERDAY. SO WE ARE EXCITED TO MEET
18 WITH YOU ALL OVER THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS. WE HAVE FOLDERS OF
19 INFORMATION THAT HAS ALL OF THE REPORTS THAT WE'VE BEEN
20 TALKING ABOUT TODAY FROM THE A.C.L.U. AND VERA THAT CAN TELL
21 YOU IMMEDIATELY HOW WE CAN START REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION
22 NOW. AND IF YOU NEED ANOTHER REPORT, WE HAVE PLENTY OF EXPERTS
23 THAT ARE HERE TODAY THAT WOULD HAPPILY ACCEPT FIVE-POINT-SEVEN
24 MILLION DOLLARS TO DO ANOTHER REPORT FOR YOU FOLKS SOMEHOW TO
25 REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION AND HOW TO PREVENT EXPANSION IN



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1 L.A. SO I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK: WE HEARD THAT YOU FOLKS
2 DON'T WANT THE ONE-POINT-FOUR BILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION. PLEASE
3 KNOW THAT WE DON'T SUPPORT ANY EXPANSION. AND WE HOPE A FIRST
4 STEP WILL BE THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY PULL YOUR AB-900 PROPOSAL
5 THAT WAS SUBMITTED ON JANUARY 11TH.

6

7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DELORIS CANALES?

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9 **DELORIS CANALES:** YES, MY NAME IS DELORIS CANALES. I'M A MEMBER
10 OF C.U.R.B. AND C.A. _____ AND I SUPPORT THE YOUTH JUSTICE
11 COALITION. I HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED IN SIX DIFFERENT
12 FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SPENDING 20
13 YEARS OF MY LIFE IN PRISON. AND ALL THE CONSULTING FIRMS,
14 MANAGEMENT FIRMS, EVERY FIRM THAT YOU CAN THINK OF TO DO IN-
15 DEPTH STUDIES DID NOT EVER SOLVE THE PROBLEM UNTIL I GOT INTO
16 RECOVERY FOR MY DRUG ADDICTION PROBLEM. I'M A VERY PRODUCTIVE
17 MEMBER OF SOCIETY ADDING TO THE TAXPAYERS. AND WHAT I'D LIKE
18 TO SAY, I NOTICED ALL THE COMMENTS HERE TODAY HAD SUGGESTIONS
19 ON HOW TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM, ON HOW TO BRING A SOLUTION AND
20 THAT IS WHAT IS NEEDED IS THE SOLUTION. THESE PEOPLE ARE DOING
21 THEIR IN-DEPTH STUDIES FROM THE HEART OF SOUTH CENTRAL, FROM
22 THE HEART OF THE PRISON CELLS, FROM THE HEART OF THE JUVENILE
23 JUSTICE SYSTEM. THEY LIVE IT, THEY SURVIVED IT AND THEY'RE
24 HERE TODAY TO STAND UP AGAINST IT AND TO STEP INTO A SOLUTIONS
25 AND I JUST THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME.



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2 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU DELORIS. KEVIN KEY?

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4 **KEVIN KEY:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS KEVIN MICHAEL
5 KEY. I'M 62 YEARS OLD. ALL OF MY ADULT PROFESSIONAL SKILLS ARE
6 CRIMINAL LAW RELATED. I'M A RECOVERING ADDICT. I'M A CONVICTED
7 FELON. I'M A FORMER ATTORNEY, A CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY. I'M
8 A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE OTHER BAR. YOU GUYS SHOULD
9 HEAR WHAT THE FOLKS ARE SAYING. CALIFORNIA HAS THE EIGHTH
10 LARGEST BUDGET AND YET WE ARE NUMBER ONE IN PRISON
11 CONSTRUCTION SPENDING, NUMBER FIFTY IN EDUCATION SPENDING. THE
12 BIBLE SAYS THAT YOU CAN TELL WHERE A MAN'S HEART IS BY WHERE
13 HE LAYS UP HIS TREASURE. DO NOT LAY OUR TREASURES IN MORE
14 JAILS, MORE CAGES. WE NEED NO NEW JAILS THAN WHAT IS ALREADY
15 THE WORLD'S LARGEST COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. LET'S HELP SOME PEOPLE
16 INSTEAD OF LOCKING MORE PEOPLE UP. THANK YOU.

17

18 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ANY
19 DISCUSSION ON THE BOARD AT THIS POINT?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE IS AN OPTION, THE SHERIFF'S SENTENCING
22 FOR SENTENCE POPULATION. INCLUDE CONTRACTING OPTIONS FOR THE
23 SHERIFF SENTENCE POPULATION.

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1 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SPEAK INTO THE MIC, I CAN'T EVEN
2 HEAR YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS IT ON? TO INCLUDE CONTRACTING OPTIONS FOR
5 THE SHERIFF'S SENTENCE POPULATION. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

6

7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CONTRACTING WHAT?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE SENTENCE POPULATION.

10

11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CONTRACTING IT WITH WHOM? I'M NOT
12 SURE I UNDERSTAND. WITH WHOM.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T KNOW WHO, THAT'S JUST TO CONSIDER TO
15 BE WITH ANOTHER COUNTY?

16

17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, I SEE, THAT KIND OF
18 CONTRACTING. ALL RIGHT. MR. KNABE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I MENTIONED EARLIER, AND I'LL JUST READ THE
21 THEREFORES, BUT IT BASICALLY SOMETHING SIMILAR TO WHAT WE DID
22 WITH THE LONG BEACH COURTHOUSE ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
23 OR P3 KIND OF A PROGRAM. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT
24 THE C.E.O. TO REPORT ON THE RANGE OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE UNDER A
25 P3 STRUCTURE FOR DESIGNING, BUILDING, CONSTRUCTING AND/OR



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1 OPERATING OR MAINTAINING OUR JAIL SYSTEM. ALSO THAT THE C.E.O.
2 SPECIFICALLY REPORT ON THE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS AND
3 BENEFITS OF VARIOUS P3 OPTIONS AND THE TYPE OF RISKS THAT
4 WOULD BE INCURRED OR TRANSFERRED UNDER A P3 STRUCTURE. WE'RE
5 COMING BACK WITH ALL THE OPTIONS. I'M JUST TRYING TO BE
6 SPECIFIC.

7

8 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I THINK THAT'S CLEAR. I'D
9 LIKE TO ASK THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A WORK PROGRAM FOR THE
10 CONSULTANT FOR A.E.C.O.M., I'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT WORK PROGRAM
11 BROUGHT TO THE BOARD WHEN IT'S COMPLETED SO WE SEE EXACTLY
12 WHAT THIS FIVE-POINT-SEVEN WILL BE SPENT ON BEFORE IT IS
13 SPENT.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE'LL BRING THAT BACK.

16

17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY BECAUSE I HAVE THE SAME
18 CONCERNS THAT GLORIA RAISED. AND I THINK THAT'S THE ONLY WAY
19 WE'RE GOING TO KEEP A HANDLE ON IT IS TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT
20 THEY'RE DOING.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN THE ONLY OTHER THING WOULD BE IN
23 RELATIONSHIP TO WHAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD INDICATED. ON THE
24 VERA REPORT, WHEN YOU LOOK THROUGH THAT, AS I SAID EARLIER,
25 THE MAJORITY OF THOSE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE JUDGE



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1 AND THE D.A. AND MAYBE WE COULD HAVE A BREAKOUT OF THE VERA
2 REPORT FOR OUR BENEFIT, THOSE THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO MOVE
3 FORWARD ON AS A POLICY DECISION AND THOSE THAT WOULD REQUIRE
4 US CONVENING A MEETING WITH THE D.A., THE JUDGES AND THOSE. A
5 BREAKOUT OF THAT.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL BREAK THAT OUT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** NOT COMING BACK WITH THAT WHOLE REPORT OUT BUT
10 EARLIER, THE SOONER THE BETTER.

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND, WE'LL DO THAT. I'LL ALSO REPORT
13 BACK ON MY EFFORTS WITH THE PRESIDING JUDGE, D.A., SHERIFF AND
14 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.

15

16 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** QUIET PLEASE. SHH! PLEASE. ALL
17 RIGHT. ARE YOU FINISHED, BILL?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

20

21 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

24

25 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A QUESTION. WITH REGARD TO THIS BOND ISSUE
3 FOR THE MONEY THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE REQUESTING, WHAT WE'RE
4 DOING IS WE'RE PUTTING THE SHERIFF, THE PITCHESS PROPOSAL ON
5 THERE ASKING FOR 100 MILLION DOLLARS, RIGHT?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE ARE STARTING THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
8 100 MILLION DOLLARS THAT COULD HELP US WITH THE PITCHESS
9 PROJECT. WE WILL NOT MOVE FORWARD UNTIL WE COME BACK AND GET
10 SPECIFIC APPROVAL FROM THIS BOARD.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON WHAT?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ON THE PITCHESS PROJECT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THAT YET.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THIS PROCESS OF GETTING IN THAT GRANT LINE,
21 IS THERE A TIME FRAME? ARE WE WORRIED THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO
22 BE IN LINE FOR IT? OR WHAT'S THE RATIONALE WHEN WE HAVE A
23 PROPOSED PROJECT BUT NOT AN APPROVED BOARD PROJECT?

24



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL THERE WAS A TIME FRAME FOR US, FOR OUR
2 BOARD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION. AND THAT'S WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE
3 TODAY. AND THEN YOU WANT TO HELP ME WITH THIS?

4

5 **JAN TAKATA:** YES. EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISORS, THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR
6 BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION SUBMITTAL IS TODAY. THAT
7 IS TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID WE JUST FIND THIS OUT? WE'VE KNOWN ALL ALONG
10 THAT THIS DEADLINE WAS TODAY?

11

12 **JAN TAKATA:** IT WAS ESTABLISHED ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS AGO.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** REALLY?

15

16 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT. WHEN WE BROUGHT THIS TO YOUR BOARD, THE
17 STATE RELEASED THEIR GUIDELINES. WE WANTED TO BRING THIS YOUR
18 BOARD, BUT WE WANTED TO BRING IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL
19 DISCUSSION ON THE JAIL PLAN, NOT BY ITSELF. TODAY IS THE
20 DEADLINE TO MAINTAIN THE ELIGIBILITY. THE CORRECTIONAL
21 STANDARDS AUTHORITY BOARD WILL BE REVIEWING THEM IN MARCH AND
22 MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION IN MARCH ON GRANT AWARDS. IF WE ARE
23 NOTIFIED THAT WE HAVE BEEN SELECTED, THEN WE WOULD COME BACK
24 TO YOUR BOARD TO START FINALIZING DETAILS DEPENDING ON WHAT



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1 THE TIME FRAME IS. THEY HAVEN'T TOLD US WHAT THE FOLLOWING
2 TIME FRAME IS AFTER MARCH YET.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO
5 ALONG THE WAY IS THIS, WHILE WE'RE SUBMITTING A GRANT OR AFTER
6 THE APPROVAL, THAT WE HAVE TO LEASE THEM OR THEY HAVE THE
7 LEASEHOLD ON THE PROPERTY.

8

9 **JAN TAKATA:** CORRECT. THAT WOULD COME IN THE FUTURE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT'S NOT IN THE INITIAL APPLICATION.

12

13 **JAN TAKATA:** NOT IN THIS APPLICATION.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT NOW EVERYTHING IS PURE PROPOSAL. I SUPPORT
16 WHAT DON HAS ADDED AND THE CLARIFICATION THAT IS BEING MADE
17 ABOUT THE WORK PLAN COMING BACK SO WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE
18 AFTER BECAUSE THIS IS VERY SUPERFICIAL. SO BASICALLY THE ONLY
19 THING THAT WE'RE REALLY APPROVING TODAY IS THE SUBMISSION, THE
20 BEGINNING OF THAT APPLICATION TO GET THAT IN THERE?

21

22 **JAN TAKATA:** YES.

23



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1 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND YOU'RE APPROVING A CONTRACT,
2 NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH A.E.C.O.M. FOR FIVE-POINT WHATEVER
3 IT IS, SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS. BIT I ASKED THEM TO BRING BACK-
4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT MIKE ASKED ABOUT BEFORE IT
6 GETS CONTRACTED OUT. WAS I WRONG? IT'S COMING BACK.

7

8 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THIS DAY?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE ARE GOING TO COME BACK WITH A WORK PLAN.

11

12 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT IS WHAT I ASKED FOR. I ASKED
13 YOU TO COME BACK WITH A WORK PLAN, THAT'S RIGHT. SO BEFORE YOU
14 EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. OKAY, FINE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO CONTRACT AS YET.

17

18 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT, CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? ALL
23 RIGHT. KNABE WILL MOVE, ANTONOVICH SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION,
24 UNANIMOUS VOTE. OKAY. WHAT'S THE NEXT ITEM? I GOING TO CALL
25 FOUR PEOPLE UP. THIS IS ON PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON AGENDA ITEMS.



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1 LEONARD ROSE. JOSEPH THOMAS. IRENE PANG. DEBORAH BURTON. THOSE
2 FOUR PEOPLE? TWO MINUTES. GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. ROSE.

3

4 **LEONARD ROSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. LEONARD ROSE. I'M
5 HERE TO TALK ABOUT RECOVERY CENTER. AND I GOT ONE THAT'S
6 CELEBRATE RECOVERY IF YOU HAVE ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, SEXUAL
7 ADDICTION, DIVORCE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COVINA ASSEMBLY OF GOD
8 CHURCH, EAST AT SANDINA ROAD ON WEDNESDAY FROM 7 P.M. TO 8
9 P.M. AND THEY GOT COVINA ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH GOING TWICE A
10 MONTH TO COUNTY JAIL AND WITNESS TO INMATE ABOUT BAD THINGS
11 THAT HAPPEN TO THEM. AND THEN RECOVERED. YOU GOT MEN HOME,
12 WOMEN HOME, AND NEW HOPE MINISTRY AT CHURCH AND L.A. DREAM
13 CENTER, VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH, HOMEBOYS INDUSTRY, BOYLE
14 HEIGHTS, AND PREVENT PROGRAM WORKSHOP RECOVERY IF THEY HAVE
15 MORE RECOVERY CENTER, THEY GOT LOTS OF CHAPLAIN GO COUNTY JAIL
16 AND PRISON AND HELP THESE, EDUCATE THESE PEOPLE TO GET HELP
17 WHAT THEY NEED. WE DON'T WANT NO NEW JAIL. WE WANT TO EDUCATE
18 THESE GANG MEMBER AND DRUG ADDICTION GET THEIR MEN HOME. GET
19 THEIR REHAB HOME. GET JOB TRAINING PROGRAM LIKE STATE REHAB
20 COUNSELOR COULD HELP THEM FIND A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM, GET THE
21 PROGRAM DIFFERENT PEOPLE JOB. AND I HOPE YOU GUYS WORK
22 TOGETHER AS LEADERS AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. AND I LIKE THAT
23 TESTIMONY, PEOPLE HAVE THIS AND THEIR DREAM COME TRUE THAT
24 THEIR LIFESTYLE WHERE THEY LIVE RIGHT LIFE. THANK YOU VERY
25 MUCH.



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JOSEPH THOMAS? NOT HERE.
3 IRENE PANG? HANG ON, IRENE. DEBORAH BURTON? NOT HERE. ARNOLD
4 SACHS? IS HE HERE? COME ON DOWN RIGHT NOW, ARNOLD. WE DON'T
5 WANT TO WAIT FOR YOU. JEFF CLARK? JEFF CLARK HERE? HE ALREADY
6 SPOKE. DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT, ALSO? YOU DO?
7 OKAY. COME ON UP. AND ERIC PREVEN. IRENE, YOU'RE ON.

8

9 **IRENE PANG:** HI, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERY ONE.

10

11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU.

12

13 **IRENE PANG:** I BELIEVE IN ANY FACILITY IN MORE THEY HAD TIME
14 ZONE AND THE POLICY. THEY INCLUDE _____ AND PARKING LAWS USING.
15 ALSO THEY INCLUDE PROHIBIT ANY ILLEGAL MATTERS AND ANY ILLEGAL
16 SUBSTANCE. I ASK TO STOP THE FEES AND THE COST SINCE AT THE
17 SAME TIME _____ VICTIMS SEEKING THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS
18 HAVE BEEN LOST AND STOLEN EVEN THOUGH MOST EVERYTHING IN THEIR
19 HOUSE, THEY INCLUDE THEIR CLOTHES AND SHOE AND FURNITURE AND
20 HOUSING AND SO ON. EVEN THOSE _____ HAVE BEEN HAPPENING TO
21 THEIR FAMILY FREQUENTLY. EVEN THE CREATOR THE VICTIMS AND
22 BELONGINGS ALSO HELPING HAND FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE
23 GOVERNMENT. I CONCERNED THE LIVING CONDITION TO ALL. ALSO I
24 CONCERNED THAT CONDITIONS THAT TO MY FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING IN
25 THE NEW YEAR. I _____ SPECIAL TO THAT. MY FAMILY MEMBERS



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1 NEED EXIST FROM THE GOVERNMENT. THE _____ NEED TO COLLECT
2 FINALLY I ASK DO I WORK FOR ALL PUBLIC? I DO. AND GOVERNMENT
3 OF THE U.S. AND OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD. THANK YOU.

4

5 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS? START HIS
6 TIME.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HE'S TALKING TO ME! JACKASS. THANK YOU. GOOD
9 AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. SO, BEFORE YOU GO, COUNTY ATTORNEY,
10 COUNTY COUNSEL, PLEASE EXPLAIN MAYBE WHAT OUR PENALTY WAS FOR
11 PUTTING IN EXTRA CARDS THAT WE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO COMMENT ON
12 THIS ITEM THAT WAS HELD. I GUESS BECAUSE YOU PUT IN EXTRA
13 CARDS. THAT'S A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IF THERE EVER WAS ONE. SO
14 LET ME SUMMARIZE WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 TODAY BY READING THIS ARTICLE FROM THE SUNDAY "DAILY BREEZE."
16 BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH
17 BLAH BLAH. THAT BEING SAID, THURSDAY IS A METRO BOARD MEETING,
18 SHOW UP. I APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE THAT CAME DOWN. I LISTENED TO
19 THE COMMENTS TODAY. BUT YOU MISSED THE POINT. THIS BOARD SITS
20 IN CHARGE OF A 22 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET, AND IT'S ONLY GOING
21 UP. WELL, MAYBE NOT. BECAUSE SOMETIMES WHEN THEY WANT TO CUT
22 THE BUDGET, THEY DON'T BUDGET OR THEY CUT POSITIONS THAT THEY
23 BUDGETED FOR BUT DIDN'T FILL. SO ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING THAT IS
24 WE'RE GOING TO BUDGET FOR THE POSITION, WE'RE GOING TO PUT THE
25 MONEY IN THE BUDGET BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HIRE THE PEOPLE. SO



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1 THAT NEXT YEAR, WE CAN CUT THOSE POSITIONS AND USE THE MONEY
2 FOR SOMETHING ELSE. NOW IN THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS THEY CUT
3 ALMOST 1,400 POSITIONS. AND IF YOU DO A LITTLE BIT OF MATH,
4 YOU SAY THOSE POSITIONS ARE ANYWHERE FROM 50 TO 100,000
5 DOLLARS, YOU'RE LOOKING AT OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS JUST
6 ABOUT, IN GHOST SALARIES. SO DON'T COME TO THE BOARD AND ASK
7 TO BE HEARD AND ASK TO GET YOUR OPINION TAKEN. COME TO THE
8 BOARD TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. THAT'S
9 WHAT YOU COME HERE FOR.

10

11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JEFF CLARK.

12

13 **JEFF CLARK:** YES, SIR. I'M JEFF CLARK. AGAIN FOUNDER OF THE
14 CALIFORNIA CLEMENCY PROJECT. I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU TODAY IN
15 THIS FREE TIME ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF YOUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
16 AND YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH YOU GUYS ARE IN CONTROL OF
17 THEIR PAY. NOW, WHEN THERE'S A VIOLENT OCCURRENCE, THAT
18 OFFICER SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND TESTED FOR TOXIC STEROIDS,
19 WHICH CAUSE A RAGE, WHICH WE KNOW IS PROVEN. AND THIS TEST
20 ISN'T BEING DONE IN ANY VIOLENT ARRESTS AND SHOOTINGS. WE GIVE
21 THEM A PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, BUT WE DON'T TEST THEM FOR
22 STEROIDS OR ROID RAGE. AND THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON
23 WITH DRUGS IN THIS COMMUNITY. AND I THINK ONE OF THE WORST
24 ONES IS STEROID USE BY OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OUR SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT. AND THEY ENCOURAGE IT. AND THERE NEEDS TO BE



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1 SOMETHING, PUT A MOTION SET OR A FUTURE AGENDA DATE TO REVIEW
2 THIS BECAUSE WHEN AN OFFICER MAKES ARRESTS, THEY HAVE A QUOTA.
3 AND THERE SHOULDN'T REALLY BE A QUOTA. THIS ISN'T HOW MANY
4 PEOPLE YOU ARREST. THESE NUMBERS SHOULD BE BASED ON THE AMOUNT
5 OF CRIME REDUCED IN YOUR COMMUNITY. AND IF OUR OFFICERS ARE
6 ACTUALLY BEING CRIMINALS AND OUR DEPUTIES ARE BEING CRIMINALS,
7 THEY SHOULD BE PUT INTO THE WHOLE SCHEME OF THINGS. YOU GUYS
8 HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR PAY. INSTEAD OF PUTTING THEM ON A PAID
9 ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, LET'S INVESTIGATE THEM FOR STEROID OR
10 DRUG USE BEFORE THEY GET TO RETURN TO THE JOB. AND BASICALLY
11 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

12

13 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. CLARK. MR. PREVEN?

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN, AND I AM THE COUNTY
16 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. [SILENCE.] THE AUSTIN REPORT, GLORIA
17 MOLINA, WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE END OF FEBRUARY BY PETER
18 ELIASBURG. HE MAY HAVE SENT YOU AN EMAIL ON THAT. HOLD MY
19 TIME.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** [OFF MIC]

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23 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, HOLD HIS TIME.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** [OFF MIC] KEPT CALLING ME OVER DURING THE JAIL
2 DISCUSSION, I WOULDN'T GO OVER BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR
3 WHAT HE HAD TO SAY. BUT IT TURNS OUT HE WAS CALLING TO FIND
4 OUT WHEN THE REPORT BY I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S DOCTOR AUSTIN OR
5 MR. AUSTIN.

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7 **ERIC PREVEN:** JAMES AUSTIN.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT HE CALLED UP AND THEY RESPONDED THAT THE
10 REPORT IS GOING TO BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF FEBRUARY,
11 CORRECT?

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13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION. IT'S INTERESTING
16 THAT NOBODY ON OUR SIDE OF THE FENCE KNEW WHEN THAT COMING,
17 THE SHERIFF, THE C.E.O., MY STAFF, NOBODY SEEMED TO KNOW. BUT
18 THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION. I APOLOGIZE. YOU CAN NOW
19 CONTINUE HIS TIME.

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE ITEM 19 WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE FOR L.A. COUNTY
22 AND I HAD SOME REMARKS PREPARED BUT I WILL MAKE THEM IN PUBLIC
23 COMMENT. YOU KNOW, THE JAILS ARE OUT OF CONTROL. SO TO GO IN
24 THIS DIRECTION IS NOT A GOOD ONE. THE DIRECTION OF BUILDING
25 MORE JAILS. BUT WE HEARD THAT FROM THE YOUTH TODAY. YOU SO



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1 WHAT'S THE SOLUTIONS? BILL FUJIOKA AN WHO IS THE C.E.O. WHO IS
2 CHARGED WITH EXECUTING THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS SHOULD LISTEN TO
3 THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE AND SHOULD SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THE
4 SUPERVISORS, THOSE OF THE SUPERVISORS WHO TALK THE TALK LIKE
5 MISS MOLINA BUT THEN DO NOT FINISH THE TRANSACTION BECAUSE SHE
6 SEEMS TO BE ENGAGED IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION NOW MIGHT BE ABLE
7 TO HEAR WHAT HAS COME ACROSS. IT'S TIME FOR A PARADIGM SHIFT.
8 THE DOLLARS DON'T MAKE SENSE. YOU SAID IT, SUPERVISOR
9 YAROSLAVSKY. YOUR COLLEAGUES KNOW IT. SO THE 100 MILLION
10 DOLLAR BOND, I MEAN THE 100 MILLION DOLLAR STATE FUNDING
11 REQUEST IS ONE TEENY STEP. IT'S NOT A COMMITMENT. I URGE YOU
12 TO GO AWAY FROM THIS DIRECTION AND TO RESPECT THE BROWN ACT.

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14 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM IS CLOSED
15 SESSION? DO YOU WANT TO CALL US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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17 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
18 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
19 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-3,
20 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
21 ITEMS NUMBER CS-4 AND CS-5, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
22 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE EACH,
23 AND ITEM NUMBER CS-6, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
24 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION JANUARY 24, 2012**

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5 County Counsel requested that items CS-1 and CS-2 be continued
6 one week to January 31, 2012.

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8 No reportable action was taken on items CS-3, CS-4 or CS-6.

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10 CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

11 (Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

12 Significant exposure to litigation (one case) (11-2802)

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14 The Board authorized presenting to the District Court
15 settlement of threatened litigation concerning allegations of
16 discrimination against Section 8 Housing Voucher recipients in
17 the Antelope Valley.

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19 The terms of the settlement will be made available upon
20 inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final.

21 The vote of the Board was 4 to 1, with Supervisor Antonovich
22 voting no.

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